

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND CHAPTER
OF
ROYAL ARCH MASONS
OF CANADA



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GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

PROCEEDINGS

AN ESPECIAL CONVOCATION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA WAS HELD IN THE MASONIC TEMPLE, PROSPECT AVE., COBALT, ONTARIO, ON MONDAY, THE THIRD DAY OF JUNE, A.D. 1940, A. INV. 2470.

PRESENT

M. Ex. Comp. Llewellyn F. Stephens, K.C.	Grand Z. }	Grand Council
R. Ex. Comp. Judge Gordon H. Hayward as	Grand H. }	
R. Ex. Comp. Howard Hawley as	Grand J. }	
M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith	Grand Scribe E.	
R. Ex. Comp. Neil J. McAulay	Grand Scribe N.	
R. Ex. Comp. W. J. Fuller	Grand Treasurer	
Ex. Comp. W. H. Simmons	Grand Pr. Soj.	
Ex. Comp. D. W. McLeod	Grand Sr. Soj.	
Ex. Comp. R. Bilbrough	Grand Jr. Soj.	
R. Ex. Comp. Hayden Rood	Grand Supt. Temis-	
	kaming No. 16.	
V. Ex. Comp. H. H. Abell	Grand D. of C.	
Ex. Comp. W. H. Smith	Grand Outer Guard	
Comp. D. A. Crichton	Grand Organist	

and the following assisting:—

R. Ex. Comp. F. J. Hill,
V. Ex. Comp. J. H. Murray,
Ex. Comp. E. Cawood,
Ex. Comp. A. W. Moore,
Ex. Comp. Jos. Penman.

Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form at 9.10 p.m., when the Grand First Principal announced that the Especial Convocation had been called for the purpose of Dedicating the Chapter Room for Cobalt Chapter, No. 203, G.R.C. Royal Arch Masons of Cobalt, Ontario.

The Ceremony being concluded, the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal closed Grand Chapter at 9.50 o'clock p.m.



Edwin Smith

Grand Scribe E.

GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

PROCEEDINGS

AN ESPECIAL CONVOCATION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA WAS HELD IN THE MASONIC TEMPLE, 390 DUNDAS STREET, WOODSTOCK, ONTARIO, ON FRIDAY, THE TWENTY-FIRST DAY OF JUNE, A.D. 1940, A. INV. 2470.

PRESENT

M. Ex. Comp. Llewellyn F. Stephens, K.C.	Grand Z. }	Grand Council
R. Ex. Comp. John M. Empey, B.A.Sc.	Grand H. }	
R. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden	Grand J. }	
M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith	Grand Scribe E.	
R. Ex. Comp. W. S. M. Enouy	as Grand Scribe N.	
M. Ex. Comp. J. R. Yorke (Saskatchewan)	as Grand Treasurer	
R. Ex. Comp. J. F. Carmichael	as Grand Pr. Soj.	
R. Ex. Comp. Wallace MacWhinney	as Grand Sr. Soj.	
V. Ex. Comp. Wm. Tough	as Grand Jr. Soj.	
R. Ex. Comp. Jas. K. Martin	Grand Supt. Wil-	
	son Dist. No. 3.	
V. Ex. Comp. E. H. Robinson	Grand Pursuivant	
	as Grand D. of C.	
Comp. E. J. Deadman	as Grand Outer Guard	

and the following assisting:—

R. Ex. Comp. R. H. Reid,
 R. Ex. Comp. C. F. Misner,
 R. Ex. Comp. G. M. Mather,
 R. Ex. Comp. W. F. Tyrrell,
 R. Ex. Comp. N. A. MacEachern,
 R. Ex. Comp. B. F. Foster,
 R. Ex. Comp. Ed. Brennan,
 V. Ex. Comp. C. O. Hemphill,

Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form at 8.40 p.m. when the Grand First Principal announced that the Especial Convocation had been called for the purpose of Dedication of the Chapter Room for Oxford Chapter, No. 18, G.R.C. Royal Arch Masons of Woodstock, Ontario.

The Ceremony being concluded, the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal closed Grand Chapter at 9.25 o'clock p.m.



Edwin Smith

Grand Scribe E.

GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

PROCEEDINGS

AN ESPECIAL CONVOCATION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA WAS HELD IN THE MASONIC TEMPLE, 10 LANSDOWNE AVENUE, TORONTO, ONTARIO, ON TUESDAY, THE FIFTEENTH DAY OF OCTOBER, A.D. 1940, A. INV. 2470.

PRESENT

M. Ex. Comp. Llewellyn F. Stephens, K.C.	Grand Z. }	Grand Council
R. Ex. Comp. Frank G. McLean	Grand H. }	
R. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden	Grand J. }	
M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith	Grand Scribe E.	
R. Ex. Comp. William C. Johnston	Grand Scribe N.	
R. Ex. Comp. John Marr	Grand Treasurer	
R. Ex. Comp. W. S. M. Enouy	Grand Pr. Soj.	
V. Ex. Comp. Sydney Biggs	Grand Sr. Soj.	
V. Ex. Comp. J. A. Marchment	Grand Jr. Soj.	
R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Carr	Grand Supt. Tor-	
	onto Dist. No. 8a	
R. Ex. Comp. S. H. B. Tonkin	Grand Supt. Tor-	
	onto Dist. No. 8	
R. Ex. Comp. A H. Tannahill	Grand D. of C.	
Comp. H. Watson	Grand Organist	
Comp. Geo. Lethem	Grand Outer Guard	

and the following assisting:—

R. Ex. Comp. Chas. Sheppard,
 R. Ex. Comp. Ken. Carrie,
 R. Ex. Comp. S. N. Haskill,
 V. Ex. Comp. W. A. Maxwell,
 V. Ex. Comp. John Weare,
 Ex. Comp. Frank Leuty,
 Ex. Comp. George Rennie,
 Ex. Comp. W. J. Cook.

Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form at 9 p.m. (E.D.S.T.), when the Grand First Principal announced that the Especial Convocation had been called for the purpose of Dedication the Chapter Room for King Cyrus Chapter, No. 232, G.R.C., Royal Arch Masons of Toronto, Ontario.

The Ceremony being concluded, the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal closed Grand Chapter at 10.15 o'clock p.m. (E.D.S.T.).



Edwin Smith

Grand Scribe E.

GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

PROCEEDINGS

AN ESPECIAL CONVOCAION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA WAS HELD IN THE MASONIC TEMPLE, MAIN STREET, RIDGETOWN, ONTARIO, ON FRIDAY, THE EIGHTEENTH DAY OF OCTOBER, A.D. 1940, A. INV. 2470.

PRESENT

M. Ex. Comp. Llewellyn F. Stephens, K.C.	Grand Z.	} Grand Council
R. Ex. Comp. John M. Empey, B.A.Sc.	Grand H.	
R. Ex. Comp. Ed. Brennan as	Grand J.	
M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith	Grand Scribe E.	
R. Ex. Comp. W. R. Bricker as	Grand Scribe N.	
R. Ex. Comp. E. U. Dickenson as	Grand Treasurer	
R. Ex. Comp. Ed. Worth	Grand Pr. Soj.	
R. Ex. Comp. W. J. Laing as	Grand Sr. Soj.	
R. Ex. Comp. E. R. Paling as	Grand Jr. Soj.	
R. Ex. Comp. Bruce Foster as	Grand Supt. St.	
	Clair Dist. No. 1.	
R. Ex. Comp. Ed. McNeil as	Grand D. of C.	
Ex. Comp. B. J. Smith	Grand Organist	
Ex. Comp. Harold Childs as	Grand Outer Guard	

and the following assisting:—

R. Ex. Comp. J. Henderson,
R. Ex. Comp. E. V. Bingham,
R. Ex. Comp. Wm. N. Moore,
V. Ex. Comp. Wm. E. Tregenza,
V. Ex. Comp. Alvin Bunn,
V. Ex. Comp. T. Tiffon,
V. Ex. Comp. Alex. Bruce.

Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form at 8.40 p.m. when the Grand First Principal announced that the Especial Convocation had been called for the purpose of Dedication the Chapter Room for Erie Chapter, No. 73, G.R.C., Royal Arch Masons of Ridgetown, Ontario.

The Ceremony being concluded, the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal closed Grand Chapter at 9.50 o'clock p.m.



Edwin Smith

Grand Scribe E.

GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

PROCEEDINGS

AN ESPECIAL CONVOCATION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA WAS HELD IN THE MASONIC TEMPLE, 107 KING STREET WEST, KITCHENER, ONTARIO, ON FRIDAY, THE SEVENTH DAY OF MARCH, A.D. 1941, A. INV. 2471.

PRESENT

M. Ex. Comp. Llewellyn F. Stephens, K.C.	Grand Z. }	Grand Council
R. Ex. Comp. John M. Empey, B.A.Sc.	Grand H. }	
R. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden	Grand J. }	
M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith	Grand Scribe E.	
R. Ex. Comp. W. S. M. Enouy	as Grand Scribe N.	
V. Ex. Comp. H. J. Heasley	as Grand Treasurer	
(Carnarvon Chapter, No. 5, G.R.Q.)		
R. Ex. Comp. Walter Duench	as Grand Pr. Soj.	
R. Ex. Comp. Wm. J. Shaw	as Grand Sr. Soj.	
V. Ex. Comp. E. H. Robinson	(Grand Pursuivant)	
	as Grand Jr. Soj.	
R. Ex. Comp. Neil A. MacEachern	Grand Supt. Wel-	
	lington Dist. No. 4	
R. Ex. Comp. Frank G. McLean	as Grand D. of C.	
Comp. J. H. Franks	as Grand Organist	
Ex. Comp. Irvine Tucker	as Grand Outer Guard	
and the following assisting:—		
R. Ex. Comp. John V. Mills, Grand Chaplain,		
R. Ex. Comp. Col. A. H. Monteith, K.C.,		
R. Ex. Comp. R. M. Finlay,		
R. Ex. Comp. Geo. De Kleinham,		
R. Ex. Comp. Chas. Palmer,		
R. Ex. Comp. J. Ritchie,		
V. Ex. Comp. R. Law,		
V. Ex. Comp. C. O. Hemphill,		
V. Ex. Comp. John Gould.		

Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form at 8.40 p.m. when the Grand First Principal announced that the Especial Convocation had been called for the purpose of Dedicating the Chapter Room for Kitchener Chapter, No. 117, G.R.C., Royal Arch Masons of Kitchener, Ontario.

The Ceremony being concluded, the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal closed Grand Chapter at 9.50 o'clock p.m.



Edwin Smith

Grand Scribe E.

GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

PROCEEDINGS

AN ESPECIAL CONVOCATION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA WAS HELD IN THE MASONIC TEMPLE, 36 QUEBEC STREET WEST, IN THE CITY OF GUELPH, ONTARIO, ON FRIDAY, THE FOURTEENTH DAY OF MARCH, A.D. 1941, A. INV. 2471.

PRESENT

M. Ex. Comp. Llewellyn F. Stephens, K.C.	Grand Z. }	Grand Council
R. Ex. Comp. John M. Empey, B.A.Sc.	Grand H. }	
R. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden	Grand J. }	
M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith	Grand Scribe E.	
R. Ex. Comp. W. S. M. Enouy	as Grand Scribe N.	
Ex. Comp. W. G. Ketchen	as Grand Chalpain	
R. Ex. Comp. Wm. J. Shaw	as Grand Pr. Soj.	
V. Ex. Comp. J. R. Weare	as Grand Sr. Soj.	
V. Ex. Comp. J. F. Powers	as Grand Jr. Soj.	
R. Ex. Comp. Roy M. Finlay	as Grand D. of C.	
R. Ex. Comp. Neil A. MacEachern	Grand Supt. Wel-	
	lington Dist. No. 4	
Comp. J. H. Franks	as Grand Organist	
Comp. W. Barr	as Grand Outer Guard	

and the following assisting:—

R. Ex. Comp. J. T. Carmichael,
 R. Ex. Comp. H. Mahoney,
 R. Ex. Comp. R. Hughes,
 R. Ex. Comp. Chas. Sheppard,
 R. Ex. Comp. A. Grant Malcolm,
 R. Ex. Comp. Chas. Palmers,
 R. Ex. Comp. W. T. Barnard,
 V. Ex. Comp. Cull,
 V. Ex. Comp. John Gould.

Together with representatives from the several Chapters from the adjoining Districts.

A constitutional number being in attendance, Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, at 9.05 p.m., E.D.S.T., when the Grand First Principal announced that this Especial Convocation had been called for the purpose of Dedication the Chapter Room of Guelph Chapter, No. 40, G.R.C., Royal Arch Masons, at Guelph, Ontario.

The Ceremony being concluded, the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal closed Grand Chapter at 9.55 o'clock p.m., E.D.S.T.



Edwin Smith

Grand Scribe E.

GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

PROCEEDINGS

AN ESPECIAL CONVOCAION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA WAS HELD IN THE MASONIC TEMPLE, 1279 VICTORIA AVENUE, IN THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, ONTARIO, ON FRIDAY, THE TWENTY-FIRST DAY OF MARCH, A.D. 1941, A. INV. 2471.

PRESENT

M. Ex. Comp. Llewellyn F. Stephens, K.C.	Grand Z.	} Grand Council
R. Ex. Comp. John M. Empey, B.A.Sc.	Grand H.	
R. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden	Grand J.	
M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith	Grand Scribe E.	
R. Ex. Comp. W. S. M. Enouy	as Grand Scribe N.	
Ex. Comp. W. J. Rose	as Grand Pr. Soj.	
Ex. Comp. W. Kerr	as Grand Sr. Soj.	
Ex. Comp. Chas. Roberts	as Grand Jr. Soj.	
R. Ex. Comp. George French	as Grand D. of C.	
R. Ex. Comp. J. H. Sampson	Grand Supt. Ni-	
	agara Dist. No. 7	
Comp. C. L. Dill	as Grand Organist	
Comp. H. J. Learn	as Grand Outer Guard	

and the following assisting:—

R. Ex. Comp. A. E. Coombs,
V. Ex. Comp. J. H. Newans,
V. Ex. Comp. J. H. Ralston,
V. Ex. Comp. James Dickie,
V. Ex. Comp. John Weare,
Ex. Comp. J. E. Wills,
Ex. Comp. Frank B. Lottridge,
Ex. Comp. Richard Wilson,
Ex. Comp. Chas. L. Leys.

A constitutional number being in attendance, Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, at 8.50 p.m., E.D.S.T., when the Grand First Principal announced that this Especial Convocation had been called for the purpose of Dedicating the Chapter Room of Mount Nebo Chapter, No. 76, G.R.C., Royal Arch Masons, at Niagara Falls, Ontario.

The Ceremony being concluded, the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal closed Grand Chapter at 9.45 o'clock p.m., E.D.S.T.



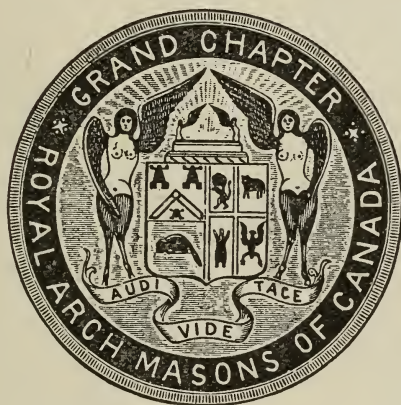
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A.D. 1941, A. Inv. 2471

(Ordered to be read in all Chapters and preserved.)

JOHN M. EMPEY, B.A., Sc.
Grand Z.
Mitchell, Ontario

EDWIN SMITH,
Grand Scribe E.
London, Ontario

JOHN MORGAN EMPEY, B.A.Sc.
Grand First Principal Z.

Most Ex. Comp. Empey was born in Putnam, Middlesex County, in the Province of Ontario, on the 16th day of April, 1874, and after receiving his early education intended to follow the profession of a teacher. Having qualified for a High School teacher, but after five years teaching in Public Schools of Ontario he decided to take an Engineering Course. He first graduated from the School of Applied Science, at the University of Toronto, then took a year's Post Graduate Course and obtained his Degrees of Bachelor of Applied Science, in Mining and Civil Engineering, from the same University. He then accepted a position with the Dominion Steel Company as Engineer and Surveyor in full charge of all underground surveys in the big coal mines at Glace Bay, N.S. Later he entered the services of the Dominion Government, at Ottawa, as a Member of the Surveyor General's Staff, Department of Interior. He then went to Calgary, Alberta, as District Engineer and Surveyor for Alberta Government Public Works. After ten years he came back East and for the next nine years was with the Department of Highways, of Ontario, as a resident engineer in charge of work. During the last thirteen years he has been County Engineer and County Road Superintendent for Perth County.

Comp. Empey is a member and Past President of the Association of Ontario Land Surveyors, also a member of the Dominion and Alberta Land Surveyors. He holds the following Degrees: B.A.Sc., D.L.S., O.L.S., and A.L.S.

In Masonry, no Companion has given more of his time to any Fraternal organization. Companion Empey is as follows:—

Past Master of Bow River Lodge, No. 1, A.F. & A.M., Calgary, Alberta, and Past D.D.G.M. Calgary District, No. 1, A.F. & A.M., Alberta.

Past First Principal Alberta Chapter, No. 1, R.A.M., Calgary, Alberta, and Past First Principal Elliott Chapter, No. 129, R.A.M., Mitchell, Ontario, also Past Grand Superintendent Huron District, No. 6, G.R.C.

Past Preceptor St. Elmo Preceptory, No. 22, K.T., Stratford, and Past Grand Marshal Great Priory, K.T., Canada.

Past Potentate Al Azhar Temple, A.A.O. of M.S., Calgary, Alberta, and Life Member Mocha Temple, A.A.O. of M.S., London, Ontario.

Life Member London Lodge Perfection, and Life Member and Most Wise Sovereign, London Rose Croix Chapter, also Life Member Moore Consistory, A. & A.S.R., Hamilton, Ontario.

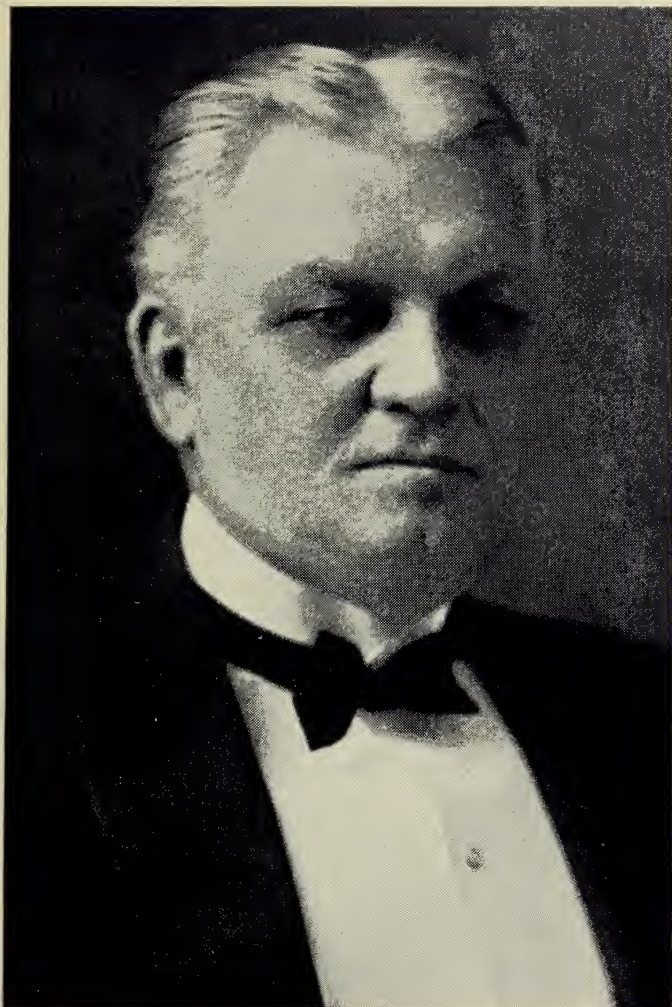
Past Master Enoch Council, Past Intendant General for Ontario, and Past Grand Master Grand Council Royal and Select Masters for Western Canada and for Ontario.

Past Sovereign of Huron Conclave, and Past Senior General for Grand Conclave of Canada Red Cross of Constantine.

Comp. Empey has been a member of the Mitchell High School Board for many years, and for the past three years its Chairman.

In religion, he is a Presbyterian, having been honoured with the election to the Session of Elders in four different congregations.

—E. S.



MOST EX. COMP. JOHN MORGAN EMPEY, B.A. Sc.
Mitchell, Ontario
Grand Z.

GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

PROCEEDINGS

THE EIGHTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONVOCATION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA, HELD IN RED ROOM OF THE MASONIC TEMPLE, 250 QUEEN'S AVENUE, LONDON, ONTARIO, ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, APRIL 23RD AND 24TH, 1941.

PRESENT

M. Ex. Comp. Llewellyn F. Stephens, K.C.	Grand Z. }	Grand
R. Ex. Comp. John M. Empey, B.A.Sc.	Grand H. }	Council
R. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden	Grand J. }	
M. Ex. Comp. Walter G. Price, D.D.S.	Grand	Treasurer
M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith	Grand	Scribe E.
M. Ex. Comp. George L. Gardiner	Grand	Historian
R. Ex. Comp. John V. Mills, B.Th.	Grand	Chaplain
R. Ex. Comp. Wm. C. Johnston	Grand	Scribe N.
R. Ex. Comp. Fred. W. Dean	Grand	Pr. Soj.
V. Ex. Comp. Sydney Biggs	Grand	Sr. Soj.
V. Ex. Comp. L. H. Veale	as	Grand Jr. Soj.
R. Ex. Comp. W. S. M. Enouy	Grand	Lecturer
R. Ex. Comp. A. H. Monteith, K.C.	as	Grand D. of C.
V. Ex. Comp. Reg. Knapman	Grand	Asst. D. of C.
Comp. George Lethbridge	as	Grand Organist
V. Ex. Comp. E. H. Robinson	Grand	Pursuivant
Ex. Comp. Joseph Simms	Grand	Outer Guard
Comp. Spencer Wilson	as	Asst. Grand O.G.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS

R. Ex. Comp. B. B. Foster	St. Clair	District No. 1
R. Ex. Comp. John Oswald	London	" " 2
R. Ex. Comp. J. K. Martin	Wilson	" " 3
R. Ex. Comp. Neil A. MacEachern	Wellington	" " 4
R. Ex. Comp. William T. Barnard	Hamilton	" " 5
R. Ex. Comp. William A. Porteous	Huron	" " 6
R. Ex. Comp. J. H. Sampson	Niagara	" " 7
R. Ex. Comp. Sidney H. B. Tonkin	Toronto East	" " 8
R. Ex. Comp. Wm. H. Carr	Toronto West	" " 8a
R. Ex. Comp. W. M. Jermyn	Ontario	" " 10
R. Ex. Comp. Herbert F. Thomson	St. Lawrence	" " 12
R. Ex. Comp. Sidney F. Smith	Ottawa	" " 13
R. Ex. Comp. Robert Jamieson	Algoma	" " 14
R. Ex. Comp. H. S. Rood	Temiskaming	" " 16

PAST GRAND Z.'S

Most Ex. Comps. Edwin Smith; Walter G. Price; George L. Gardiner, and W. Y. Mills.

GRAND CHAPTER OPENED

A Constitutional number of Chapters being represented by their qualified officers, the Eighty-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada was opened in AMPLE FORM at ten o'clock a.m.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

The following distinguished guests were introduced by the acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, R. Ex. Comp. A. H. Monteith, K.C.:

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Quebec—M. Ex. Comp. Arthur W. Pratt, Grand Z.; M. Ex. Comp. Walter W. Williams, Grand Scribe E.

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Michigan—M. Ex. Comp. Howard H. Bauer, Grand High Priest; M. Ex. Comp. Guy A. Birge, Past Grand High Priest and Grand Treasurer; R. Ex. Comp. James Fairbairn Smith, Grand Royal Arch Captain; Ex. Comp. Arthur Burke, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Canada, near the Grand Chapter of Michigan.

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Jersey—M. Ex. Comp. Jesse A. Biggs, Grand High Priest; R. Ex. Comp. Godfrey Pittis, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Canada, near the Grand Chapter of New Jersey.

Grand Chapter of the State of New York Royal Arch Masons—M. Ex. Comp. George Rosendale, Grand High Priest; R. Ex. Comp. Wright J. Burley, Deputy Grand High Priest; R. Ex. Comp. Lewis L. Palmitier, Grand Captain of the Host; R. Ex. Comp. Robert L. Donovan, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Canada, near the Grand Chapter of New York.

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma—R. Ex. Comp. William Noble, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Canada, near the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma.

The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania—M. Ex. Comp. Frank R. Leech, Grand High Priest.

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Virginia—M. Ex. Comp. C. Vernon Eddy, Grand High Priest.

SISTER GRAND BODIES

The Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Ontario—M. Ill. Comp. Major A. G. N. Bradshaw, Grand Master.

The Order of High Priesthood of Ontario—R. Ex. Comp. A. S. H. Cree, President.

The Sovereign Great Priory of Canada of the United Orders of the Temple and Malta, Knights Templar—M. Em. Knight Davey Diamond, Supreme Grand Master; M. Em. Knight Bert Barr, Past Supreme Grand Master.

The Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario—M. Wor. Bro. Frank A. Copus, Past Grand Master; M. Wor. Bro. Rod. B. Dargavel, Past Grand Master; R. Wor. Bro. Ewart G. Dixon, Grand Secretary.

Grand honours were extended, after which Most Ex. Comp. W. Y. Mills, on behalf of the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal and the Grand Chapter of Canada, welcomed the Distinguished Guests in a most fitting manner.

R. Ex. Comp. John V. Mills, B.Th., Grand Chaplain, offered the invocation:—

Omnipotent Father, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known and from whom no secrets are hid, in Thy Most Holy Name we have assembled within this Historic Temple to transact our proceedings. Grant that the sublime principles of Freemasonry may so subdue every discordant passion within us, so harmonize and enrich our hearts with Thine own love and ineffable goodness that this 83rd Convocation may reflect to the outside war-torn world that order and beauty which reign forever before Thy throne. Hear us with indulgence, pity our humanities, and aid us with Thy strength. Endow our Grand East with the plentitude of Thy beneficent Grace, promote their good resolutions and enable them ever to prevail against the powers of Selfishness and Indifference in the world about them. We beseech Thee to regard with Thy hourly favour Thy servant, our beloved Sovereign, King George VI, His gracious Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother Mary, and all members of the Royal House; counsel and strengthen them in this present hour of chaos and testing; sustain them under the cares and increasing burdens of their several offices: enrich His Majesty's heart with Thy heavenly grace, and grant him the assurance of his people's loyalty and unending fidelity. Guide all on whom Thou hast in these hours laid the burden of the government of this Commonwealth of Nations and our own Dominion of Canada; bless with Thy keen judgment and courageous cooperation the President of The United States of America and all his statesmen that together in these momentous hours we may see The Light as Thou art pleased to reveal that True Light unto us. Safeguard our Companions and our Allies in the Air, on the Land, upon the Sea and under the Sea; may their faith be so staid upon Thee that they will ever face forward toward the enemy and fear no danger. Let the Great Light which continues to glow upon the Altars of Freemasonry diffuse its Light o'er all this darkened earth keeping bright our puny efforts and in Thine own time and according to Thy Divine Will removing every obstacle to the final glorious triumph of Thy Great Law of Universal Love, "when man to man the wide world o'er will brothers be for a' that". Our Father Divine and in whom there is no darkness

at all, when these fatefilled hours are done having faithfully filled full our duties here below wilt Thou be pleased to receive us, weary sojourners coming at the eleventh hour of Life's little day from the vast quarries of earth, anxious and in Thy Son's name willing and ready to stoop beneath the humbling portal of that Holy House not made with hands, bearing with us the signet of Divine Truth and possessing within our immortal souls the Sublime Word itself. The Veils having been forever removed we shall stand in that day knowing as we shall also be fully known. In the Name of The Great Jehovah. So mote it be.

The delegates joined in singing the following hymn and National Anthems:

"O God, our help in ages past,"
 "God Save the King"
 and "America".

CIVIC WELCOME

R. Wor. Bro. Oliver Ellwood, Dean of the Royal Craft of London, presented the representative of the Mayor, Companion Alderman Alex. Calder, who spoke of the opportunity afforded by Democratic people in being permitted to meet under such environment. Dictators forbid. He welcomed all and expressed a wish that the meeting would be most beneficial.

The welcome was acknowledged by the Grand Z.

LONDON AND DISTRICT EXTENDS WELCOME

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

The presiding First Principals of the Chapters in London District, No. 2, welcome you to London on the occasion of the 83rd Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, and pledge to the Grand Chapter of Canada, our loyalty and fidelity.

To our visitors from the Republic to the South, we extend a very sincere welcome. It is always a pleasure to offer fraternal greetings to those who come from a country other than our own. In these times of stress and trial, our interest in the fate of humanity should bind us closer in the ties of fraternal friendship.

We would also extend a very sincere welcome to the representatives of the other Grand Bodies in Masonry, and to the Companions, who come from all parts of the Province, to attend this Convocation.

The Past Principals' Association have devoted considerable effort in making the necessary arrangements, that your stay among us may be pleasant and enjoyable to you all. We feel satisfied that the deliberations of the Convocation will be of great benefit to the members of the Royal Craft and we hope that at some future time, we may be able to again welcome you to this jurisdiction.

- E. W. HALL, St. John's Chapter, No. 3.
 W. J. GIBLING, St. George's Chapter, No. 5.
 E. SPINKS, Wawanosh Chapter, No. 15.
 C. L. DUNCAN, Bruce Chapter, No. 53.
 W. CUNNINGHAM, Palestine Chapter, No. 54.
 R. L. MANNING, Beaver Chapter, No. 74.
 N. M. PENNINGTON, Minnewawa Chapter, No. 78.
 JAS. A. ROBINSON, Aylmer Chapter, No. 81.
 W. J. SNOW, London Chapter, No. 150.
 W. LUKE, Vimy Chapter, No. 214.
 J. STEVENS, St. Andrew's Chapter, No. 238.
 R. J. HENDERSON, St. Paul's Chapter, No. 242.
 R. STANNARD, Nilestown Chapter, No. 247.
 G. W. PARKER, Hiawatha Chapter, No. 252.
 JOHN S. OSWALD, Grand Superintendent London
 District, No. 2.
 K. S. WOODWARD, Secretary to Grand Superin-
 tendent, Palestine Chapter, No. 54.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES, 1940

The Grand Scribe E. commenced reading the minutes of the Proceedings of the Eighty-second Annual Convocation, held in the City of Hamilton, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 24th and 25th, 1940, when it was moved by R. Ex. Comp. John M. Empey, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden, and,—

Resolved,—That as the Proceedings of the last Annual Convocation, held Tuesday and Wednesday, April 24th and 25th, 1940, have been printed and copies thereof sent to all the Chapters in this Jurisdiction, the recorded minutes be considered as read, and the same is now confirmed.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. J. M. Empey, and seconded by R. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden, and,—

Resolved,—"That the Grand Z. be given authority to alter the Order of Business at this Convocation in his discretion."

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

V. Ex. Comp. James Woodland, acting Chairman of the Credential Committees of Representatives and Proxies of the Chapters, reported there were 157 Warranted Chapters on the Roll of Grand Chapter, of which 124 Chapters were represented by the following:—

- No. 1. *Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui, Kingston.*
John Clark (Proxy), W. Y. Mills, H. J. Milne, H. F. Thomson, P.Z.'s.
- No. 2. *The Hiram, Hamilton.*
D. W. Evans (Proxy).
- No. 3. *St. Johns, London.*
E. W. Hall, Z.; Frank Gilbert, H.; W. E. Bradt, J.; Oliver Ellwood, Jas. A. Elgie, C. E. A. Webb, W. H. Parker, Chas. Hutcheson, R. G. Fowler, E. A. Bishop, W. O. Bishop, Jas K. Ross, W. E. Cane, Geo. W. Williamson, P.Z.'s.
- No. 4. *St. Andrew and St. John, Toronto.*
W. L. Lankin, Z.; C. W. McElhiney, G. W. Slack, W. H. Price, W. W. Ash, P.Z.'s.
- No. 5. *St. George's, London.*
W. J. Gibling, Z.; J. C. Simms, J.; H. J. McCallum, A. J. Elson, W. H. Slade, R. W. Knapman, H. E. Livermore, H. F. Hill, F. S. Thomson, Harry Abell, W. K. Parkinson, P.Z.'s.
- No. 6. *St. John's, Hamilton.*
T. H. Hayhurst (Proxy), Gordon Worrall, J. H. Eydt, P.Z.'s.
- No. 7. *The Moira, Belleville.*
C. H. MacDonald, Z.; E. C. Wood, J.
- No. 8. *King Solomon, Toronto.*
F. J. Johnson (Proxy), F. O. Tidy, P.Z.
- No. 15. *Wawanosh, Sarnia.*
Ernest Spinks, Z.; Alf. MacLocklin, H.; W. W. Simpson, A. H. Payne, P.Z.'s.
- No. 16. *Carleton, Ottawa.*
C. R. Flatters, Z.; C. W. Powers, T. C. Miller, D. R. Waggoner, P.Z.'s.
- No. 18. *Oxford, Woodstock.*
Alex. Wishart, H.; Jas. K. Martin, R. D. Montgomery, Z. K. Mansell, A. C. Kendall, P.Z.'s.

- No. 19. *Mount Moriah, St. Catharines.*
A. E. Coombes (Proxy), J. P. Hudson, Wm. J. Rose, P.Z.'s.
- No. 20. *Mt. Horeb, Brantford.*
C. J. Sharp H.; R. W. E. McFadden, Chester S. Wood.
- No. 22. *Grenville, Prescott.*
E. A. Cook (Proxy).
- No. 23. *Ezra, Simcoe.*
C. O. Hurst, H.; H. A. Johnson, C. F. Misner, W. F. Tyrell, P.Z.'s.
- No. 24. *Tecumseh, Stratford.*
R. H. Davies, Z.; F. A. Copus, P.Z.'s.
- No. 26. *St. Mark's, Trenton.*
N. M. Sprague (Proxy), A. D. MacIntyre, P.Z.
- No. 27. *Manitou, Collingwood.*
A. J. Chapman, Z.
- No. 29. *McCallum, Dunnville.*
T. Murphy (Proxy).
- No. 30. *Huron, Goderich.*
H. B. N. Tichborne (Proxy), Nelson Hill, P.Z.
- No. 31. *Prince Edward, Picton.*
J. C. Cooper, Z.
- No. 32. *Waterloo, Galt.*
H. E. Benham, Z.; Thos. Forrester, J.; J. H. Cowan, Jas. Ritchie, Q. A. Wight, P.Z.'s.
- No. 34. *Signet, Barrie.*
L. J. Laver (Proxy), H. J. Loughheed, E. R. Lewis, P.Z.'s.
- No. 35. *Keystone, Whitby.*
Robt. McNee (Proxy), W. M. Jermyn, D. J. McGillvray, P.Z.'s.
- No. 36. *Corinthian, Peterboro.*
E. W. Jones, Z.; C. A. Sollitt, J. E. Girvin, P.Z.'s.
- No. 37. *Victoria, Port Hope.*
W. A. Highfield, Z.; S. H. Haskill, H. Mitchell, P.Z.'s.
- No. 40. *Guelph, Guelph.*
C. T. Kelso, Z.; R. M. Finlay, W. J. Van Norman, J. F. Marr, J. T. Power, C. T. Palmer, P.Z.'s.

- No. 41. *Harris, Ingersoll.*
Wm. Moggach, H.; Alf. Hillary, J.; R. Y. Morrison, R. H. Reid,
P.Z.'s.
- No. 44. *Mount Sinai, Napanee.*
W. O. Coates, Z.
- No. 46. *St. James, St. Marys.*
D. C. White, Z.; H. Swinburne, H.; J. W. Durr, A. Dell, J. N.
Robinson, P.Z.'s.
- No. 47. *Wellington, Chatham*
H. M. Roach, Z.; Rev. A. S. H. Cree, L. H. Veale, P.Z.'s.
- No. 48. *St. John's, Cobourg.*
W. G. Wenn, J.; E. A. Hircock, P.Z.
- No. 53. *Bruce, Petrolia.*
C. L. Duncan, Z.; H. D. Sherrin, D. W. Duncan, John C. Reid,
P.Z.'s.
- No. 54. *Palestine, St. Thomas.*
Wm. Cunningham, Z.; John Wallace, J.; John Oswald, Wm. Jack,
K. S. Woodward, V. Pow, W. U. Lattornell, T. L. Cochrane,
John S. Fraser, P.Z.'s.
- No. 55. *Niagara, Niagara-on-the-Lake.*
J. B. Hostetter, H.; A. N. Rogers, P.Z.
- No. 57. *King Hiram, Port Colborne.*
M. J. Burdon (Proxy), S. M. Young, P.Z.
- No. 59. *Sussex, Brockville.*
W. H. Burgess, Z.
- No. 62. *York, Toronto.*
S. K. Clarke, Z.; S. H. B. Tonkin, P.Z.
- No. 63. *Havelock, Kincardine.*
J. F. Marcus, Z.; F. E. Bloor, J. R. McKay, P.Z.'s.
- No. 65. *St. Paul's, Toronto.*
C. B. Parker, N. S. Clarke, P.Z.'s.
- No. 67. *Enterprise, Palmerston.*
Rev. J. W. Stewart, Z.; J. F. Edwards.
- No. 71. *Prince of Wales, Amherstburg.*
Peter Milne, H.
- No. 73. *Erie, Ridgetown.*
H. D. McKillop, Z.; Bruce B. Foster, Harold Childs, Angus
Graham, P.Z.'s.

- No. 74. *Beaver, Strathroy.*
W. A. Campbell (Proxy), W. G. McVicar, E. R. McNeill, A. Hyman, E. T. Lewis, L. J. Hartwick, O. G. Trimner, W. Mac. Woddell, P.Z.'s.
- No. 75. *St. Clair, Milton.*
W. T. Barnard, P.Z.
- No. 76. *Mount Nebo, Niagara Falls.*
Chas. Sheppard (Proxy), Wm. Newns, G. E. French, P.Z.'s.
- No. 77. *Occident, Toronto.*
John H. Russell, H.; John M. Burden, S. E. Solley, John Russell, Jas. Gilchrist S. C. Newdick P.Z.'s.
- No. 78. *Minnewawa, Parkhill.*
Bruce Bossenberry, J. O. Brozell, P.Z.'s.
- No. 80. *Ark, Windsor.*
W. J. Robinson, Z.; Wilton R. Bricker, Wm. E. Tregenza, P.Z.'s.
- No. 81. *Aylmer, Aylmer.*
Chas. P. Horton, H.; Jas. A. Robinson, Frank L. Truman, P.Z.
- No. 83. *Ionic, Orangeville.*
E. Whelan (Proxy).
- No. 84. *Lebanon, Wingham.* F
R. C. Thompson, H. L. Sherbondy, E. G. Nash, P.Z.'s.
- No. 88. *MacNabb, Dresden.*
E. W. Slaght, Z.; Geo. E. Clark, J.; Ed. Worth, E. R. Paling, T. Tiffin, P.Z.'s.
- No. 90. *Golden, Kenora.*
R. Jamieson (Proxy).
- No. 91. *Antiquity, Toronto.*
S. Biggs (Proxy), T. B. Stokoe, Jas. Herriot, A. F. Tannahill, P.Z.'s.
- No. 94. *Midland, Lindsay.*
Mason Horner (Proxy).
- No. 95. *Tuscan, Sudbury.*
C. B. Deekes, Z.
- No. 102. *Algonquin, Sault Ste. Marie.*
W. M. Walker, Z.; A. H. Richardson, G. E. Richardson, P.Z.'s.
- No. 110. *Warkworth, Warkworth.*
G. R. Duncan, Z.

- No. 113. *Covenant, Cornwall.*
W. T. Elliott, Z.
- No. 114. *Bonnechere, Renfrew.*
J. P. Morrison (Proxy).
- No. 115. *Brant, Paris.*
A. H. Monteith (Proxy), W. W. Tough, J. D. Smith, P.Z.'s.
- No 116. *Maple, Carleton Place.*
D. G. Allan, Z.; H. E. Menzies, M. W. Rogers, C. G. Dowdall, P.Z.'s.
- No. 117. *Kitchener, Kitchener.*
Geo. H. Carthy, J.; N. A. MacEachern, W. Downing, W. R. Cooper, P.Z.'s.
- No. 119. *King Cyrus, Leamington.*
E. H. Brennan (Proxy).
- No. 129. *Elliott, Mitchell.*
E. J. Hingst, H.; J. Empey, E. H. Robinson, R. H. Munro, F. Porterfield, P.Z.'s.
- No. 130. *Chantry, Southampton.*
C. Fotheringham, Z.; H. McLean, J.; W. J. Loughlin, P.Z.
- No. 131. *Amabell, Wiarton.*
T. P. Jones, Z.; A. R. Whitney, H.; G. Sinclair, J.; J. V. Mills, S. E. Foster, W. M. Newman, W. E. McLaren, P.Z.'s.
- No. 133. *St. Francis, Smiths Falls.*
J. H. Lawson, Z.; J. R. Hamilton, P.Z.
- No. 134. *King Darius, Cannington.*
D. E. Blanchard, E. J. Hay, S. R. Belfry, S. F. Brandon, J. Parliament, F. L. Bagshaw, T. D. Bell, P.Z.'s.
- No. 135. *Succoth, Uxbridge.*
V. M. Hare (Proxy).
- No. 138. *Shekinah, Toronto.*
E. W. Pearson, Z.; A. W. Cork, J.; J. Marr, T. Brann, P.Z.'s.
- No. 140. *Fort William, Fort William.*
R. Jamieson, P.Z. (Proxy).
- No. 145. *The St. Patrick, Toronto.*
W. E. Pomeroy, Z.; F. G. McLean, W. C. Johnson, F. V. Higginbottom, W. J. Tow, P. W. Rogers, D. P. Collins, P.Z.'s.

- No. 146. *Bernard, Listowel.*
A. Dahmer, P. Fatum, P.Z.'s.
- No. 147. *Lucknow, Lucknow.*
R. L. Treleaven, Z.; W. A. Porteous, W. B. Anderson, J. W. Joynt, P.Z.'s.
- No. 148. *St. John's, Vankleek Hill.*
A. D. McRae (Proxy).
- No. 150. *London, London.*
J. Bell, H.; W. Lancaster, J. W. Plewes, J. W. Carson, A. E. Selway, A. G. N. Bradshaw, J. Smith, C. R. Hoare, T. Welch, A. L. Hey.
- No. 151. *Laurentian, Pembroke.*
A. R. Fraser, Z.
- No. 152. *Alberton, Fort Frances.*
R. Jamieson (Proxy).
- No. 153. *Sombra, Wallaceburg.*
John Burnett, Z.; Rolf W. Greenwood, H.; W. S. Rose, W. G. Laing, A. Bruce, P.Z.'s.
- No. 154. *Klondike, Dawson, Y.T.*
Edwin Smith (Proxy).
- No. 163. *The Beaches, Toronto.*
F. L. Meisner, Z.; R. H. Metcalf, H.; H. A. Perkins, W. H. Ford, G. L. Gardiner, P.Z.'s.
- No. 164. *Lorne, West Lorne.*
H. J. Turner, Z.; W. M. Zoller, F. G. Baldson, J. W. Neil, V. E. Lemon, D. F. Webster, A. Petherick, J. L. Atkinson, D. Turner, D. McKillop, J. R. Milner, P.Z.'s.
- No. 169. *Temiskaminy, New Liskeard.*
Harry Clifford, Z.; J. Penman, P.Z.
- No. 175. *The Hamilton, Hamilton.*
L. F. Stephens (Proxy), F. W. Dean, W. J. Shaw, P.Z.'s.
- No. 184. *Hugh Murray, Fort Erie.*
J. H. Sampson (Proxy).
- No. 185. *The Toronto, Toronto.*
J. V. Mills, Z.; Donald Calder, J. M. Malcolm, P.Z.'s.
- No. 195. *Peel, Brampton.*
Harry Morris, Z.; W. T. Sanderson, H.; T. H. Sproule, Harold Spratt, P.Z.'s.

- No. 198. *Couchiching, Orillia.*
P. C. Noy, Z.
- No. 203. *Cobalt, Cobalt.*
A. Brian, P.Z.
- No. 205. *Victoria, Thornhill.*
J. A. Thompson (Proxy).
- No. 210. *Kitchener, Russell.*
F. G. Smith (Proxy).
- No. 212. *Mount Sinai, Toronto.*
Max Cooper, Z.; Phil Abrams, J.; Mark L. Levy, A. I. Cohen,
P.Z.'s.
- No. 213. *Northern Lights, Timmins.*
James E. Whaley, Z.
- No. 214. *Vimy, Inwood.*
Wilfred Luke, Z.; A. E. Loosemore, Vance Johnston, M. McKay,
A. R. Chapman, P.Z.'s.
- No. 217. *St. Alban's, Toronto.*
T. C. Kremer, Z.; J. L. House, H.; G. Hosang, H. A. F. Schytte,
P.Z.'s.
- No. 218. *Prince Edward, Shelburne.*
H. G. Marshall (Proxy).
- No. 219. *Ulster, Toronto.*
David Colman (Proxy), Henry Kesteven, P.Z.
- No. 220. *Lebanon, Lambton Mills.*
W. F. Leuty, P.Z.; W. H. Carr (Proxy).
- No. 221. *Durham, Durham.*
W. M. Graham, H.; T. Henderson, R. W. F. Hughes, R. E.
Richardson, P.Z.'s.
- No. 222. *Ottawa, Ottawa.*
C. H. Hagan, Z.; W. E. Gowling, S. F. Smith, P.Z.'s.
- No. 223. *Abitibi, Iroquois Falls.*
G. L. Cameron (Proxy).
- No. 224. *Keystone, Hamilton.*
Robert Clark, P.Z.
- No. 225. *Beaver, Toronto.*
W. Pendleton, A. H. Hamm, J. Alcorn, P.Z.'s; Sam Spencer
(Proxy).

- No. 227. *Quinte Friendship, Belleville.*
Hugh J. Andrews, Z.
- No. 230. *Port Credit, Port Credit.*
S. C. Tucker, Z.; W. A. Maxwell, W. G. Price, W. H. McEachern,
P.Z.'s.
- No. 231. *The St. Clair, Toronto.*
D. Young, J.; J. W. Woodland.
- No. 232. *King Cyrus, Toronto.*
Wm. Ogilvie, Z.
- No. 233. *Oakwood, Toronto.*
Wm. Gardner, Z.; Geo. Armstrong, P.Z.
- No. 234. *Halton, Georgetown.*
A. H. Feller (Proxy), W. V. Grant, G. C. Brown, J. Marr, W.
G. O. Thompson, N. H. Tuck, L. G. Marchmont, D. P. Creighton,
P.Z.'s.
- No. 235. *Aurora, Aurora.*
F. D. Lacey, Z.; F. G. Babcock, P.Z.
- No. 238. *The St. Andrew's London.*
Clayton Smith, H.; J. J. McWilliam, Walter Hodge, Chris
Morton, Harry Cooper, A. V. Sedgwick, P.Z.'s.
- No. 239. *Blenheim, Blenheim.*
John W. Carpenter Z.
- No. 241. *University, Toronto.*
W. S. M. Enouy, H. Irwin, P.Z.
- No. 242. *St. Paul's, Lambeth.*
R. J. Henderson, Z.; Gordon Howell, T. Tanton, F. G. Fuller,
Gordon Anguish, P.Z.'s.
- No. 245. *Preston, Preston.*
M. T. Hagen, H.; G. V. Hilborn, W. D. Thompson, W. H. Ren-
wick, John Mills, P.Z.'s.
- No. 246. *Humber, Weston.*
O. H. Sloan, Z.; R. B. Dargavel, F. W. Fisher, A. E. Bryson,
W. G. Beech, Sr., W. G. Beech, Jr., P.Z.'s.
- No. 247. *Nilestown, Nilestown.*
John Taman, A. F. Barnes, J. G. Green, H. G. Martin, M. Lons-
dale, P.Z.'s.

- No. 249. *Palestine, Bowmanville.*
 L. T. McLaughlin, Z.; M. W. Comstock, G. C. Bonnycastle, F.
 C. Hoar, John Baker, A. E. Billett, F. J. Groat, L. W. Dippell,
 J. R. Stutt, E. E. Chase W. R. Strike E. H. Brown, P.Z.'s.
- No. 250. *Thomas Peters', Windsor.*
 C. E. Saunders, Z.; H. B. Hoed, W. N. Moore, P.Z.'s.
- No. 251. *Kirkland, Kirkland Lake.*
 H. B. Hawley (Proxy), H. C. Rood, P.Z.
- No. 252. *Hiawatha, Sarnia.*
 Geo. W. Parker, Z.; F. Osborn, H.; R. A. Bond, E. J. Marshall,
 Jas. Foster, Fred. Tigwell, P.Z.'s.

The following 33 Chapters were not represented:—

- No. 28. Pentalpha, Oshawa.
 No. 45. Excelsior, Colborne.
 No. 56. Georgian, Owen Sound.
 No. 58. Pembroke, Mattawa.
 No. 61. Granite, Almonte.
 No. 64. Willson, Welland.
 No. 66. The Malloch, Seaforth.
 No. 68. Maitland, North Augusta.
 No. 69. Grimsby, Grimsby.
 No. 72. Keystone, Stirling.
 No. 79. Orient, Toronto.
 No. 82. Shuniah, Port Arthur.
 No. 86. McPherson, Meaford.
 No. 100. St. Lawrence, Brockville
 No. 103. St. John's, North Bay.
 No. 104. White Oak, Oakville.
 No. 112. St. John's, Morrisburg.
 No. 132. Leeds, Gananoque.
 No. 139. St. Andrew's, Havelock.
 No. 143. Glengarry, Maxville.
 No. 144. Presqu'île, Brighton.
 No. 149. Atwood, Rainy River.
 No. 155. Ancaster, Ancaster.
 No. 161. Madoc, Madoc.
 No. 167. Kichikewana, Midland.
 No. 168. Ionic, Campbellford.
 No. 215. Mimico, Mimico.
 No. 226. Prince of Wales, Perth.
 No. 236. Caledonia, Caledonia.
 No. 240. Smithville, Smithville.
 No. 243. McKay, Stoney Creek.
 No. 248. Dochert, Arnprior.
 No. 253. Regal, Port Dover.

71 Chapters were represented by Regular Officers.

52 " " " " Proxy.

124 Chapters were Represented.

33 Chapters were not Represented.

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There were 405 registered Delegates, having a total vote of 657.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

Jas. Woodland, Acting Chairman.

Jas. Herriott, Acting Vice-Chairman.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. John Empey, seconded by V. Ex. Comp. James Woodland, and—

Resolved,—That the report of the Committee on Credentials and Representatives be received and adopted.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The M. Ex. the Grand Z. directed the Grand Scribe E. to call the roll of Representatives of Sister Grand Jurisdictions when they assembled before the Altar. The following Grand Representatives answered their names:

R. Ex. Comp.	J. W. Lawrence, Toronto	Alabama
M. " "	John M. Empey, Mitchell	Alberta
V. " "	Percy Rogers, Toronto	Arizona
R. " "	J. M. Burden, Toronto	British Columbia
R. " "	A. E. Bryson, Toronto	Colorado
R. " "	Harvey J. Milne, Kingston	Connecticut
R. " "	Geo. W. Slack, Toronto	Delaware
R. " "	Fred. J. Johnson, Toronto	Dist. of Columbia
R. " "	J. H. Cowan, Galt	Florida
R. " "	Fred. Porterfield, Mitchell	Idaho
R. " "	R. W. McFadden, Brantford	Ireland
R. " "	Rev. A. S. H. Cree, Leamington	Kentucky
R. " "	D. W. Evans, Hamilton	Maine
R. " "	R. H. Reid, Woodstock	Manitoba
M. " "	W. G. Price, Port Credit	Michigan
R. " "	Oliver Ellwood, London	Minnesota
R. " "	Sidney F. Smith, Ottawa	Mississippi
R. " "	Wm. J. Tow, Toronto	Missouri
V. " "	James Herriott, Toronto	Montana
R. " "	W. S. M. Enouy, Toronto	Nebraska
R. " "	J. W. Plewes, London	New Brunswick
R. " "	A. D. MacIntyre, Toronto	New Jersey
R. " "	Frank A. Copus, Stratford	New Mexico
M. " "	R. B. Dargavel, Toronto	New South Wales

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES—Continued

M. Ex. Comp.	W. Y. Mills, Kingston	.....	New York
R. " "	F. G. McLean, Toronto	.....	North Carolina
R. " "	A. H. Monteith, Paris	.....	Nova Scotia
M. " "	Edwin Smith, London	.....	Ohio
R. " "	Ed. Worth, Chatham	.....	Oklahoma
M. " "	Llew. F. Stephens, Hamilton	.....	Pennsylvania
M. " "	Geo. L. Gardiner, Toronto	.....	Quebec
R. " "	Neil A. MacEachern, Waterloo	.....	Queensland
R. " "	Ed. H. Brennan, Leamington	.....	Rhode Island
R. " "	Wm. Downing, Kitchener	.....	South Dakota
R. " "	W. E. Gowling, Ottawa	.....	Texas
R. " "	V. M. Hare, Uxbridge	.....	Utah
R. " "	Chas. Sheppard, Niagara Falls	.....	Vermont
V. " "	Sidney J. Newdick, Toronto	.....	Victoria
R. " "	Fred. G. Smith, Ottawa	.....	Virginia
R. " "	Wm. J. Shaw, Hamilton	.....	West Australia
R. " "	Harry J. McCallum, London	.....	West Virginia

The Grand Z. welcomed the forty-one Grand Representatives in suitable terms and requested that they convey the felicitations of the Grand Chapter of Canada to their various Grand Jurisdictions whom they represent. He stated that they are the official connecting link and trusted that they would continue to attend regularly.

Grand Honours were accorded to the Grand Representatives.

The words of welcome and felicitations were acknowledged on behalf of the Grand Representatives by R. Ex. Comp. Neil A. MacEachern.

GRAND Z'S ADDRESS

To the Officers and Companions of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

It is a delight for Grand Chapter to meet this year in the City of London, observing the one hundredth anniversary of the establishment of Masonry in that City by a Lodge working under the Irish dispensation, St. John's, 209, Irish Register, and a Royal Arch Chapter, also of course known as St. John's Chapter, 209, I.R. In the intervening years London has been a centre of great Masonic activity and the commencing point of new ventures, some of which, finding merit, have continued and flourished and some, judged in the court of trial and error, were found wanting and lapsed. When the Lodge and Chapter were established here there was a population of about four thousand, while now London is a flourishing city of nearly eighty thousand people, situated in the very garden of Canada, possessing all modern improvements, libraries, hospitals, public and commercial buildings and most beautiful residences.

My Companions, I have found by experience there is only one man in ten thousand who can read an address successfully and I am not that one. I know of no better way to destroy the success of a Convocation than for an hour or more to impose upon a bored loyal membership an address read through bifocal glasses from a printed page, the words from which usually fail to hold the interest of the audience. My address is printed and will be in your hands immediately upon my conclusion and I shall again, as I did last year, content myself with looking into your eyes and speaking to you, heart to heart, for a few minutes upon various topics dwelt upon therein.

Again, as on all days our thoughts are upon the titantic struggle in which democracy and liberty fight for their continued existence. A year ago we were assured of the sympathy of the great republic to our south. Today, that sympathy has been converted into a living, driving co-operation and all of North America is one with the Old Land in our endeavours to sustain and uphold our mutual ideals. I often wonder how many of our members appreciate fully the great part played by our Masonic system in promoting and making possible this great surge of good will and common ideals between the great American Republic and the British Commonwealth of Nations.

Necrology

Our Grand East is fast falling, two past First Principals answered the call of their Master.

Most Ex. Comp. Arthur Stirling Gorrell, M.D., Regina, Saskatchewan, Most Excellent Grand First Principal Z. in 1917-1918. Died June 3rd, 1940.

Most Ex. Comp. Alex. Cowan, K.C., Barrie, Ontario, Most Excellent Grand First Principal Z. in 1934. Died January 16th, 1941.

Most Ex. Comp. Gorrell was initiated in St. John's Lodge, No. 63, G.R.C., Carleton Place, May 9th, 1894, passed September 12th, 1894, and raised December 12th, 1894, and was the Worshipful Master in 1899. He was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan in 1912, also an active 33° A. & A.S.R. He received his M.M.M. Degree in Maple Chapter, No. 116, G.R.C., Carleton Place, on June 1st, 1898, the M.E.M. on September 7th, 1898, and the H.R.A. on February 7th, 1899. He was First Principal Z. in 1902 and 1903, Grand Superintendent of Ottawa District in 1906, and the Grand Z. in 1917-1918.

Entering McGill University as a student of Medicine, he Graduated as M.D.C.M. in 1890, and practised his profession in Newboro, Leeds County, and in Ashton, Carleton County, Ontario, afterwards at Regina, Saskatchewan.

Most Ex. Comp. Alex. Cowan was initiated into Corinthian Lodge, No. 96, G.R.C., Barrie, in 1895, was Worshipful Master in 1901, and was D.D.G.M. in 1903. He was an Honourary Life Member of the Board of General Purposes of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario. He was First Principal Z. of Signet Chapter, No. 36, G.R.C., Barrie, in 1909, and was elected Grand First Principal Z. in 1934, after many years as Chairman of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals. He was also a member of Mount Calvary Preceptory and a 33° A. & A.S.R.. His services were not only Masonic, as he found time to serve his City and Country: Mayor of the City for three years, Chairman of the Board of Education, and Colonel of the Simcoe Foresters.

Craft Masonry

The past year has been a busy one. Our jurisdiction covers a tremendous space and it is impossible to visit every district. I have, however, been able to cover all the districts except those lying west of the Great Lakes but I know my successor has it in mind to visit those Far West districts during his term

of office. In addition to my visits to the Chapters individually and by districts I have had a great privilege during the year of addressing meetings of Craft Masons under the auspices of the various Masters' and Wardens' Associations and at those meetings addressing Master Masons who did not belong to the Royal Arch to a number in excess of 2,600. By my directions, at such meetings no canvassing for membership in the Chapter was permitted but, what an opportunity was afforded to me to place before these brother Master Masons those host of surging, unanswered questions which arise from the Master Degree and can only be answered by the allegory of the holy Royal Arch!

Divine Service

I have, for years, been urging our membership to read the foreign correspondence reports of other jurisdictions as the great avenue toward Masonic education. I was interested in the query made by the talented reviewer of Pennsylvania as to why dispensations were required for Chapters to attend Divine Service. The answer, of course, is that all activities of our bodies are subject to the approval of the Grand Z. I have always disapproved strongly of individual small Chapters attending Divine Service and occupying one or two pews in front of a Church, leaving an all together incorrect impression upon the minds of the public at large.

During this past year, upon receipt of these various applications, our Grand Scribe E. has immediately placed our views before the Chapters and forwarded the applications to Grand Superintendents urging them to organize District Divine Services. The result has been wonderful and it has been a great inspiration to see these services held with Churches packed to the doors. In every case the various choirs of the towns in which the meetings were held and of neighbouring towns combined together to render a wonderful musical service. The movement was somewhat of a boomerang to myself as the meetings being by districts invariably there was a call for attendance by Grand Council and Grand Chapter officers and for many successive weeks I was away from home every Sunday attending these services. I want here to express my great appreciation of the loyalty of the other members of the Grand Council and of Grand Chapter officers who Sunday after Sunday drove, in many cases, several hundred miles to be present at these services. However, it gave them an opportunity of making the acquaintance of great numbers of our

Companions and I am sure this will be of assistance to them in due time.

Dispensations

During the year I authorized the issuing of One Hundred and Eighteen Dispensations as follows:—

Thirteen for permission to attend Divine Service.

Forty-two for the changing of the date of their Regular Convocation or hour of Regular Convocation.

Four permitting the visitation to sister Jurisdictions.

Eight dispensing with their Regular Convocation during the summer months, not provided for by their By-laws.

Eighteen to advance officers, as required by the Constitution.

Twenty for the purpose of holding "At Homes or Social Functions".

Seven for the Installation of Officers, other than the regular date as provided in their By-laws.

Five to hold Convocations in Dedicated Lodge Rooms.

One to confer the three degrees at the same Convocation owing to the Candidate being called for War Service.

Dispensations Refused

One to meet in a fraternal hall not used exclusively by a Dedicated Craft Lodge.

To permit the holding of "Book Draws".

Fan Mail

One of the greatest joys of my office is what I am pleased to call my "fan mail". Almost every day brings in a number of letters from Companions throughout the jurisdictions. A great many of these are not on any official business but our members apparently like to sit down and write to their Grand Z. about their experiences, their failures and successes, their hopes and ambitions for Masonry at large, and to send to him old items of record, pamphlets and clippings. These letters I have faithfully answered and have had bound up in letter books of about 1,000 pages each and they will be to me the most precious record of my two years in office.

Visitations

It is becoming increasingly difficult to visit with our good friends to the South but it was my great privilege to visit in Ohio, Michigan, Massachusetts, Virginia and New York and, of course, as always with the Grand Chapter of

Quebec at Montreal. Words would fail to describe the warmth of the reception accorded to me in each of these visitations. What will be more lasting still will be the personal friendships which have sprung up between your Grand Z. and various of the great outstanding Royal Arch Masons of other jurisdictions which I know on my own part will be treasured for long years to come.

Special mention should be made of the cordiality and warmth shown to the head of the Grand Chapter by the Grand Masters, Past Grand Masters and officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario at their annual communication in July last, both at the Board for general purposes and at all the communications. As I have said so often in my addresses throughout the jurisdiction I can not too strongly urge that every possible effort should be made to bring and keep Lodge and Chapter (the sole representatives of Craft Free Masonry) working in close association. After all, the first and primary Masonic allegiance of every member of every Masonic body must be to his Grand Master and Grand Lodge.

Welfare Work

Again I would like to mention the wonderful work of the Welfare Committee in the City of Toronto of which mention has been made in previous reviews. Again I had the pleasure of seeing them off on their first trip in the beginning of the summer and went up to Lake Simcoe to witness the closing of the camp and the transportation of all the mothers, children, nurses, help and baggage back to Toronto. It is so easy to do a good thing once but to keep it up year in and year out requires stamina. This Committee has now submitted to me plans for an extension of their welfare work so tremendous that I would have hesitated to give my approval had their past record not vouched for the future. We will hear more of this in years to come.

Companions Fifty-Year Jewel

Another list is as follows of those stalwart Royal Arch Masons who have had a continuous membership of fifty years and who were presented with the "Fifty-Year Jewel" during the past year:

St. John's Chapter No. 6, Hamilton, Ont.—Companion W. D. Fitch, 1889-1939; Companion A. L. Davis, 1890-1940.

Moir Chapter, No. 7, Belleville, Ont.—Companion Robert Edward Clark, 1889-1939.

Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 20, Brantford, Ont.—Companion (Dr.) Edward Hart, 1889-1939; R. Ex. Comp. John H. Spence, 1890-1940.

Palestine Chapter, No. 54, St. Thomas, Ont.—Companion William Clark, 1887-1937; Companion Richard Fryfogel, 1890-1940; Companion Kenneth Weir MacKay, 1890-1940.

Sussex Chapter, No. 59, Brockville, Ont.—Companion Charles Harding Fitzsimmons, 1884-1934.

St. Paul's Chapter, No. 65, Toronto, Ont.—Companion Sir Allen B. Aylesworth, K.C., 1888-1938; Companion Wm. C. Jephcott, 1890-1940; V. Ex. Comp. John McKnight, 1890-1940.

Shuniah Chapter, No. 82, Port Arthur, Ont.—Companion Ambrose E. Wideman, 1890-1940.

25-Year Veteran Jewel

The following Excellent Companions having been an Installed First Principal for twenty-five years have received their "Age with Honour" Jewels during the past year:

No. 1, Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui, Kingston, Ont.—M. Ex. Comp. Wm. Y. Mills.

No. 3, St. John's Chapter, London, Ont.—V. Ex. Comp. Samuel Richard Sampson.

No. 4, St. Andrew and St. John Chapter, Toronto, Ont.—Ex. Comp. Harry Eversfield.

No. 8, King Solomon's Chapter, Toronto, Ont.—Ex. Comp. Alex. S. Elliott.

No. 16, Carleton Chapter, Ottawa, Ont.—Ex. Comp. Leonard Wood.

No. 19, Mount Moriah Chapter, St. Catharines, Ont.—V. Ex. Comp. Currie A. Brown.

No. 20, Mount Horeb Chapter, Brantford, Ont.—Ex. Comp. William Wylie, R. Ex. Comp. Dr. Daniel Edwin Russell.

No. 23, Ezra Chapter, Simcoe, Ont.—R. Ex. Comp. Chas. F. Misner, Ex. Comp. Roy W. Wallace, Ex. Comp. Leslie F. Aikens, Ex. Comp. Jonathan Porter, Ex. Comp. Laurence E. Wedd.

No. 26, St. Mark's Chapter, Trenton, Ont.—Ex. Comp. Charles Morrison Foster.

No. 27, Manitou Chapter, Collingwood, Ont.—Ex. Comp. Thomas E. Hawkins.

No. 28, Pentalpha Chapter, Oshawa, Ont.—V. Ex. Comp. Samuel John Babe.

No. 40, Guelph Chapter, Guelph, Ont.—R. Ex. Comp. John Fisher Marr.

No. 48, St. John's Chapter, Cobourg, Ont.—Ex. Comp. Merton E. Hall.

No. 54, Palestine Chapter, St. Thomas, Ont.—R. Ex. Comp. Thomas L. Cochrane, Ex. Comp. William Charles Forbes.

No. 62, York Chapter, Toronto, Ont.—R. Ex. Comp. W. E. Hopkings.

No. 65, St. Paul's Chapter, Toronto, Ont.—Ex. Comp. John A. Shaw.

No. 72, Keystone Chapter, Stirling, Ont.—R. Ex. Comp. Thomas William Solmes.

No. 74, Beaver Chapter, Strathroy, Ont.—Ex. Comp. John Curry.

No. 81, Aylmer Chapter, Aylmer, Ont.—Ex. Comp. Stearne Frederick Ball, Ex. Comp. Arthur Earl Richardson, Ex. Comp. Elgin Orlo Awde.

No. 82, Shuniah Chapter, Port Arthur, Ont.—V. Ex. Comp. A. V. F. Bliss.

No. 90, Golden Chapter, Kenora, Ont.—R. Ex. Comp. Hubert Scott Galloway, Ex. Comp. Thomas J. Cherry.

No. 100, St. Lawrence Chapter, Brockville, Ont.—Ex. Comp. Fred Bellamy.

No. 112, St. John's Chapter, Morrisburg, Ont.—R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Marsh.

No. 114, Bonnechere Chapter, Renfrew, Ont.—V. Ex. Comp. James C. Fraser.

No. 119, King Cyrus Chapter, Leamington, Ont.—Ex. Comp. W. B. Clifford, V. Ex. Comp. Charles Johnson.

No. 134, King Darius Chapter, Cannington, Ont.—Ex. Comp. William E. Tummonds.

No. 145, The St. Patrick Chapter, Toronto, Ont.—R. Ex. Comp. Joseph J. Shelley.

No. 150, London Chapter, London, Ont.—V. Ex. Comp. Charles Richard Hoare, R. Ex. Comp. Whitfield Lancaster.

No. 163, The Beaches Chapter, Toronto, Ont.—M. Ex. Comp. Geo. L. Gardiner.

No. 169, Temiskaming Chapter, New Liskeard, Ont.—Ex. Comp. James Taylor.

No. 184, Hugh Murray Chapter, Fort Erie N., Ont.—Ex. Comp. William Franklin Willson.

No. 185, Toronto Chapter, Toronto, Ont.—R. Ex. Comp. David Colman.

No. 205, Victoria Chapter, Thornhill, Ont.—V. Ex. Comp. Joseph Edward Francis.

Grand Representatives

Vacancies having occurred in the Representation of other Grand Chapters near this Grand Chapter, I recommend the following who were approved:

District of Columbia—R. Ex. Comp. Frederick J. Johnson, Toronto, Ontario.

Mississippi—R. Ex. Comp. Sidney F. Smith, Ottawa, Ont.

Western Australia—R. Ex. Comp. Wm. J. Shaw, Hamilton, Ontario.

Queensland—R. Ex. Comp. Neil A. MacEachern, Waterloo, Ontario.

West Virginia—R. Ex. Comp. Harry J. McCallum, London, Ontario.

Also, I have approved of Representatives near other Grand Chapters, to fill vacancies as follows:

Texas—Ex. Comp. T. H. Morrow, Dallas, Texas.

Michigan—Ex. Comp. Arthur Burke, Port Huron, Michigan.

Amendment to Chapter By-laws

Several times during the year I have been asked to approve amendments to the By-laws of Chapters which did not conflict with the Constitution and if I had been able to use my own discretion I would have refused the approval. One case was the changing of the Exaltation fee to the minimum permitted by the Constitution. I feel strongly that where there is concurrent jurisdiction in cities and towns that amendments concerning fees and dues should have the consideration and majority approval of those Chapters sharing the jurisdiction.

The Chapter requesting this reduction had six Exaltations in 1938, none in 1939, and only two in 1940. It is not the fee; it is a change in the personnel of the leaders that is required.

Chapter By-laws

During the year the following By-laws were considered and approved.

No. 24. Tecumseh Chapter, Stratford, Ontario.

No. 198. Couchiching Chapter, Orillia, Ontario.

And amendments to the By-laws of the following Chapters:

No. 3. St. John's Chapter, London, Ontario.

No. 7. The Moira Chapter, Belleville, Ontario.

No. 26. St. Mark's Chapter, Trenton, Ontario.

No. 102. Algonquin Chapter, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.

- No. 103. St. John's Chapter, North Bay, Ontario.
- No. 114. Bonnechere Chapter, Renfrew, Ontario.
- No. 116. Maple Chapter, Carleton Place, Ontario.
- No. 145. The St. Patrick Chapter, Toronto, Ontario.
- No. 153. Sombra Chapter, Wallaceburg, Ontario.
- No. 163. The Beaches Chapter, Toronto, Ontario.
- No. 184. Hugh Murray Chapter, Fort Erie N., Ontario.
- No. 195. Peel Chapter, Brampton, Ontario.
- No. 219. Ulster Chapter, Toronto, Ontario.
- No. 225. Beaver Chapter, Toronto, Ontario.
- No. 227. Quinte Friendship Chapter, Belleville, Ontario.
- No. 230. Port Credit Chapter, Port Credit, Ontario.
- No. 243. McKay Chapter, Stoney Creek, Ontario.
- No. 252. Hiawatha Chapter, Sarnia, Ontario.

Investments

Our investments are excellent and I trust that those responsible in years to come will give the same service of supervision and purchase as those did in former years. One Guaranteed Trust Fund Certificate matured this year and I immediately contacted the Chairman on Investmnets and others, and authorized the sum of \$480.00 for purchase of a War Savings Certificate. This yields \$600.00 in seven and one-half years and is all that may be purchased during the period of one year. I trust Grand Chapter will approve my action.

Rulings

During the past year I was called upon to express myself as to whether a Demitted Master Mason should be permitted to place his application for Exaltation in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and although our Constitution does not require that they remain in good standing in a Lodge, after they have joined a Chapter, I feel that a man who will not pay full allegiance to the Lodge will not make a good member in the Royal Craft, and that the Chapter would be better without him. I thus ruled that his application could not be considered.

I was, likewise, asked to rule if it be permissible for a Demitted Companion in good standing, i.e., holding a Demit without arrears marked thereon, to attend a Chapter Convocation and assist with the work. I immediately advised the Chapter that it had been the custom in the Royal Craft to permit a demitted Companion in good standing and to attend the Chapter granting the demit, once only in a year, and then only on per-

mission of the Excellent Z., the attendance being as a visitor, and he must not enter into any of the discussions or exercise any other prerogative permitted to a member in good standing.

Chapter Summons

Our Most Ex. Companion W. Y. Mills has often said, if you want a new story read an old book, and if you want an old story read a new book, but Companions, how can we adjust some of our Scribes E. in order to get out a new Summons, or our new Scribes E. to get some of the old pep back in their monthly Summonses?

Some Summonses are excellent, some good and some so stereotyped that the waste-basket is their only resting place. I ask every ruling Principal to take up this question with his officers and consider their monthly invitation to the Companions.

There has been a great improvement in many of the summonses during the past year and many of the Scribes are taking pride in their work. There is still room for a lot of improvement in a number of Chapters and I would urge the officers of every Chapter to look upon the notices calling their meetings, not only as a duty but a great opportunity.

Chapter Meetings

From every jurisdiction, reviewers lament the late hours to which meetings are carried on. Well, why not try to correct it? It is a great discourtesy to send to the presiding officer of a Grand body a programme showing he will be received at eight o'clock and then send out his escort an hour or so later; the delay usually having been caused by the lateness of some few essential officers of the body. In an effort to correct that, upon receipt of the programme I have adopted the practice of notifying the body at which the visit would be made of the hour at which the Grand Z. and his officers would retire, and strictly adhering to that programme. After one or two strenuous experiences the word seems to have spread through the jurisdiction that when programmes were arranged they had to be adhered to. Thanks, my Companions.

Grand Chapter Officers

We require leaders, Companions who can lead, Companions who have shown their ability in their own Constituent Chapter.

Companions, your work is first in your own house (Chap-

ter), keep it in order. Your Excellent Z. needs your assistance, your Chapters' dues may be delinquent, your Membership may need to be reclaimed. How do you expect to give time and assist in the operation of this Grand Body when your services are more needed in your own Chapter? I also feel strongly that no Chapter should nominate any Companion for office, nor Grand Chapter appoint any officer whose Chapter is in arrears to this Grand Body.

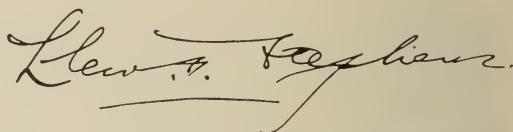
I must bear testimony to the great assistance and loyalty which I have received during the year from our much respected Grand Scribe E. Both of us have busy offices to handle in the daytime, performing the duties from which we earn our livings, and he has joined me in my visits night after night not only acting as "chauffeur" but answering the many questions on Capitular Masonry and enlightening the Companions.

During the year with a desire to bring Grand Chapter to the membership at large, we decided to issue a small brochure which was styled "The Royal Arch Banner", and I am indebted to R. Ex. Comp. Dr. Austin Evans and his Educational Committee for their assistance in preparing, editing and issuing this modest little paper. It is not yet what we all desire but it was a beginning and I trust that it will meet with the approval of this Grand Chapter and that authority will be given for a much more ambitious programme. The reception of "The Royal Arch Banner" throughout the jurisdiction was startling. Correspondence poured in to my office from every quarter and Chapter officers reported the attendances at their Convocations visibly increased. One pleasing expression of opinion that came in from old members was, that if Grand Chapter was so solicitous of the membership at large the least those members could do was to become again active in their Chapters.

For long years past Grand Chapter has been under a debt of obligation to V. Ex. Comp. R. B. Dargavel, who in his time also has served the Masonic fraternity of this district as Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada. Very Excellent Companion Dargavel has been chairman of our Benevolence Committee for many years, and as such has given freely of his time and energy. As head also of the Benevolence work of the Grand Lodge he is in touch with the whole Masonic jurisdiction of this province, and to me during my term of office his aid, counsel and assistance has been invaluable. I would now recommend that this Grand Chapter confer upon V. Ex. Comp. Dargavel the rank, honours and

title of Past Grand First Principal of this Grand Chapter, and I believe in doing so they will honour themselves as well as our Very Excellent Companion.

In conclusion, Companions, this is my "swan song". It has been two years of intensive effort. My daily reading of the Chapter summonses shows me at least the tide has most definitely turned and if we are faithful we may look for a great upbuilding in the next few years. I lay down the sceptre with mixed feelings of relief and regret. I have been the recipient of so many acts of kindness and presentations to both myself and my good wife that it is hard to find words to express my feelings but I want to say just in conclusion that the good will, the warmth of handshaking, yes, the love that is shown to me when I go among my Companions will be to me a lasting remembrance.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Llewellyn F. Stephens". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Grand Z.

It was moved by Most Ex. Comp. Llewellyn F. Stephens, KC., seconded by R. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden, and—

Resolved,—That the address of the M. Ex. the Grand Z. be referred to the Executive Committee to report thereon during the present Convocation of Grand Chapter.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS

The Report of the Grand Superintendents of Districts were then presented.

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, No. 1

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

I am pleased to submit, this, my report of Capitular Masonry in St. Clair District, No. 1.

I must express my appreciation to the Companions of the District for electing me to the Office of Grand Superintendent and to the Grand First Principal for confirming the same. I wish also to thank Ex. Comp. W. L. McNaughton, my efficient District Secretary, for his splendid assistance which made my work much lighter.

At each of my inspection visits I was received in true Masonic spirit and I am grateful to all the Officers and Companions for their many courtesies.

In some of the Chapters, degree work was not available because of the continuing lack of candidates; but wherever degree work was exemplified, it was handled in a manner highly creditable to the Companions responsible.

In every case the business of the Chapter was conducted in a way that gave the impression that the Officers and Companions were not pessimistic of the future.

During the year there have been a few outstanding functions to which reference might be made.

The first of these was at Blenheim on June 7, when Thomas Peters Chapter conferred the Holy Royal Arch Degree on seven candidates. At this meeting R. Ex. Comps. J. M. Burden, Grand J., and W. S. M. Enouy, Grand Lecturer, were present and gave explanatory addresses on the work.

Most Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, Grand Scribe E., was present at meetings of the Chapter Officers at Windsor and Ridgetown on June 17 and 18, respectively; he suggested many methods of improving Chapter conditions in the District.

On Oct. 18, Erie Chapter No. 73, Ridgetown, was dedicated by Most Ex. Comp. L. F. Stephens, Grand Z., assisted by R. Ex. Comp. J. M. Empey, Grand H., and Most Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, Grand Scribe E., and other present and past Grand Chapter Officers. It was a source of pride to myself to be present in official capacity at the dedication of my

Mother Chapter. At a banquet following the ceremony, Companions and Master Masons of the District were privileged to hear the Grand First Principal give a splendid address, in his own inimitable manner, on the teachings of the Craft and Royal Arch Degrees.

On Jan. 20, a joint installation was held in Ridgetown when the Officers of Erie Chapter No. 73, King Cyrus Chapter No. 119, Blenheim Chapter No. 239, were installed in their respective offices. At this ceremony I had the honor of acting as installing officer, and was ably assisted by R. Ex. Comps. E. V. Bingham and E. H. Brennan, Very Ex. Comp. J. A. M. Hay and T. E. Armstrong, Ex. Comps. W. S. Setterington, John Gilchrist, A. Wootton, and D. Kearney. Following the installation, Most Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith urged the newly installed Officers to strive for more activity in their Chapters.

I have attended one Chapter dinner this year at Blenheim, at which Master Masons were guests, and I expect to attend another at Leamington on Feb. 26. These functions do much to interest the Master Masons in the Royal Craft and also bring out many delinquent members as well.

At this, the expiration of my term of office, I wish to express my deep appreciation for the hearty co-operation of all the Officers and Companions of the District and commend them for the excellence of the work of their respective Chapters.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted.

BRUCE FOSTER,

Grand Superintendent of St. Clair District No. 1.

LONDON DISTRICT, No. 2

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions
of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:*

I have the honor to present for your consideration my report as the Grand Superintendent of London District No. 2.

In the first instance I offer my sincere thanks to the Principals and Past Principals of the District for the honor conferred upon me. An election by acclamation, such as this, is bound to make anyone feel that his district is solidly behind him, and so it has been proven in London District this year. Wherever I have gone it has seemed that the constituent Chapters could not do enough to give me their assistance and support. I was received with Grand Honours and was fittingly introduced in all Chapters. There were a few Chapters badly handicapped through some of their officers having offered their services to their country, in it's time of trial. Let us hope, that those, together with all Companions of the Royal Craft, may soon be able to return and convocate with their companions.

I think it unnecessary that I make a detailed list of my visitations nevertheless, I made 14 inspection visits and wherever possible made a fraternal visit also. The reports of my inspections were forwarded immediately to the Grand Scribe E.

A few of the Chapters were not in a position to work degrees, but wherever degrees were conferred, I found a very high standard of efficiency and I am proud to report that the interest throughout this District is very keen. There has been a fine effort made in London District to increase the membership. I have been urging that all Royal Arch Companions take advantage of the change made in the constitution at the last Grand Chapter Convocation which abolishes the time a Master Mason must wait before applying for membership in the Royal Craft. This enables the companions to endeavor to have newly raised Master Masons become members of our Royal Craft.

In this report I must pay tribute to Most Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, Grand Scribe E., for his untiring efforts to put "life" in London District, and for the support he has given me. It will never be forgotten.

I regret very much the passing a very short time ago of R. Ex. Comp. Geo. Stewart of Aylmer. He was one of my

very close friends and Aylmer Chapter will miss him sadly, as will also the whole District. So fine a Companion is not soon forgotten.

I also call attention to the work of my secretary, Ex. Comp. K. S. Woodward, I am satisfied that London District never had one who was more efficient and ready to work. It was never too much trouble for him to immediately do anything asked of him, or to go with me on my visits.

One of the gratifying things in this District is the harmony shown in the work of the Principals' Association. This body was revived some time ago and with a "Field Day" at which we will confer all three degrees during the afternoon and evening of March 29th, and Grand Chapter meeting in London in April, everyone seems most willing to do all that may be asked of him, and all committees are functioning perfectly.

In bidding London District farewell, may I thank all those in the jurisdiction for their kindness to me. I have made many friends and renewed many acquaintances and I feel that whoever may follow me can do so with the assurance that he will have the same measure of good fellowship and assistance that has been given to me.

Fraternally yours,

JOHN OSWALD,

Grand Superintendent London District No. 2.

WILSON DISTRICT, No. 3

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions
of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:*

It is with pleasure that I submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Wilson District No. 3, for the year 1940,

I wish to express my thanks to the Chapters of this District for the honor of selecting me to the Office of Grand Superintendent and to the Most Excellent The Grand Z. for his confirmation of same.

My first act was to appoint Ex. Comp. R. D. McKenzie as District Secretary, who attended all my Inspection visits and performed his duties in a most satisfactory manner, for which I express my sincere thanks.

I paid a visit to all Chapters in the District as follows:

June 14th—Harris Chapter No. 41, Ingersoll.

Sept. 20th—Oxford Chapter No. 18, Woodstock.

Oct. 4th—Mount Horeb Chapter No. 20, Brantford.

Oct. 9th—Regal Chapter No. 253 Port Dover.

Oct. 17th—Ezra Chapter No. 23, Simcoe.

Oct. 21st—Brant Chapter No. 115, Paris.

I was Royally received in all as the representative of The Most Excellent the Grand Z. and I found all Chapters working in harmony, Degrees in all Chapters were worked in a very credible manner, The Scribe E. and Treasurers' Books are well kept, all Chapters have a Book of Marks.

On June 21st, 1940, Most Excellent Comp. L. F. Stephens, Grand Z.; R. Ex. Comp. J. M. Empey, Grand H.; R. Ex. Comp. J. M. Burden, Grand J. and Most Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, Grand Scribe E. visited Oxford Chapter No. 18, Woodstock, Ont. to perform the Solemn Ceremony of Dedication, accompanied by several Present and Past Grand Officers, after which the Companions assembled to listen to an Address from The Most Excellent the Grand Z. which shall never be forgotten.

September 8th, 1940, A District Divine Service was held in Old St. Pauls Church, Woodstock, when about one hundred and fifty Companions attended, R. Ex. Comp. C. A. Seager, Lord Bishop of Huron, London, Ont. delivered the Address. Rev. J. Morris, Past Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Canada assisted. The attendance was not as large

as expected due to the wet weather. The Companions attending received a most inspiring and enlightening message.

I also had the honour and privilege of attending Divine Service in Lucknow and Waterloo.

I was honoured by five Chapters of the District by being asked to install their Officers for the year 1941. Past Grand Superintendents and Ex. Companions assisted me at Jan. 3rd, Mount Horeb, Brantford; Jan. 10th, Harris, Ingersoll; Jan. 17th, Oxford, Woodstock and Jan. 20th, Brant, Paris. Owing to unforeseen circumstances we were unable to visit Royal Chapter, Port Dover to perform this ceremony, which we regret very much.

It was a pleasure to me to visit several Chapters outside of Wilson District.

I wish to thank R. Ex. Companion R. Y. Morrison for his help, which was freely given. Also R. Ex. Companion R. D. Montgomery for his assistance.

In conclusion, I desire to express my thanks to all the Chapters of this district and Companions for their kind support and co-operation extended to me during my term of office. I shall retire from this office with the most kind thoughts and deep memories of a year well spent.

It's easy to smile when all goes well
And life moves on with a song,
But the man worth while is the man who can smile,
When everything goes dead wrong.

All of which is fraternally and respectfully submitted,

J. K. MARTIN,
Grand Supt. Wilson District No. 3.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT, No. 4

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions
of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:*

It is with pleasure that I submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Wellington District, No. 4, for the year 1940.

I wish to express my appreciation of the honour conferred on me by Wellington District in selecting me to the Office of Grand Superintendent, and also to thank Most Excellent Companion Stephens for appointing me as his representative in this District.

My first act was to appoint Ex. Comp. W. Roy Cooper as District Secretary and Ex. Comp. Rev. David M. Kerr as my District Chaplain. Both are members of Kitchener Chapter, No. 117. The District Secretary performed the duties of his office in a most gratifying and efficient manner and the District Chaplain was a tower of strength throughout the year at my inspection visits and at all times when assistance was requested.

My detailed report of the Inspection of each Chapter has been forwarded to the Grand Scribe E. and to the First Principal of each Chapter, so I shall content myself with making passing comment.

Visits of Inspection were made as follows:

Oct. 8th—Enterprise Chapter, No. 67, Palmerston.

Oct. 11th—Prince Edward Chapter, No. 218, Shelburne.

Oct. 15th—Preston Chapter, No. 245, Preston.

Oct. 18th—Halton Chapter, No. 234, Georgetown.

Oct. 21st—Durham Chapter, No. 221, Durham.

Nov. 1st—Kitchener Chapter, No. 117, Kitchener.

Nov. 5th—Ionic Chapter, No. 83, Orangeville.

Nov. 8th—Guelph Chapter, No. 40, Guelph.

Nov. 21st—Waterloo Chapter, No. 32, Galt.

Ritualistic work presented was invariably of a high character. The secretarial work in most of the Chapters is in good hands. Outstanding dues in some cases are rather high and I have advised officers to strive to reduce them.

On every occasion I was received with Grand Honours, and the warmth and sincerity of my reception left nothing to be desired. I made numerous visits to the Chapters in the District outside of Inspection with the hope that an enthusiasm for Capitular Masonry may be aroused.

On Sept. 19th, I visited Waterloo Chapter, Galt, to see the officers conferring a degree as the Past Principals planned to officiate at the regular Inspection.

On Oct. 11th, at Prince Edward Chapter, Shelburne, Most Ex. Comp. L. F. Stephens was present and gave the Companions and brethern of the Craft Lodge who were present a most inspiring address. Most Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith accompanied the Grand Z. at this and many other meetings in the District.

I accompanied Kitchener Chapter to Georgetown on Nov. 15, when they conferred the M.E.M. degree on Bro. J. A. Leslie, who was D.D.G.M. of the Craft District last year. At this meeting R. Ex. Comp. W. S. M. Enouy was present and gave suggestions on the work as well as a splendid address at the banquet table.

DISTRICT DIVINE SERVICES

Two Divine Services held in the District were among the outstanding events of the year. On June 16th, under the auspices of Enterprise Chapter, No. 67, a church service was held in the Palmerston Presbyterian Church. Ex. Comp. Rev. J. W. Stewart presided and was assisted by Comp. Rev. Seymour, Kitchener; Comp. Rev. Mahoney; M. Ex. Comp. L. F. Stephens; Ex. Comp. Rev. D. M. Kerr, District Chaplain, and Comp. Rev. Dr. Palmer, pastor of the church, who preached a most inspiring sermon. Over 200 Royal Arch Companions were present, many of whom were Present and Past Grand Chapter officers.

The second District Church Service was held under the auspices of Kitchener Chapter, No. 117, in Knox Presbyterian Church, Waterloo, on Oct. 20th. The pastor of the church, our District Chaplain, presided. He was assisted by Ex. Comp. Rev. Gordon R. Duncan, Drayton; Comp. Rev. J. H. N. Mills, Kitchener; M. Ex. Comp. L. F. Stephens; V. Ex. Comp. J. F. Carmichael. Though not as large a turnout of Companions as at Palmerston, owing to bad weather, the service was nevertheless most inspiring and encouraging. I believe these services have done much to stimulate interest in Royal Arch Masonry.

Accompanied by several Companions from Kitchener Chapter I attended Church Services as follows: Woodstock, Sept. 8th; Lucknow, Sept. 29th and Milton, November 3rd.

I desire to express my appreciation to R. Ex. Comp. W. A. Porteous of Lucknow for visiting Kitchener and carrying out

the Inspection of my home Chapter and I had the honour and pleasure to visit Lucknow and inspect the officers of his Mother Chapter in June.

I had the privilege, assisted by Past Principals of Kitchener Chapter of Installing and Investing the officers of Enterprise Chapter, Palmerston, for the year 1941. I was also present and assisted in the Installation of officers at Kitchener and Preston Chapters.

DEDICATION SERVICES

At the present time we are arranging to have Kitchener Chapter room dedicated on March 7th and Guelph Chapter on March 14th. Most Ex. Companion L. F. Stephens accompanied by Most Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith and other Grand Chapter officers are expected to be present.

To me one of the pleasant features of the work is the contact I have made with the Companions of the several Chapters. In closing, I wish to thank the Companions for their kind reception, loyal support and splendid co-operation. Much that might have been done has been left undone, the year was entirely too short. To my successor I wish every consideration and offer him my services. I bespeak for him the same kindly consideration and loyalty that was accorded to me.

All of which is fraternally and respectfully submitted.

NEIL A. MACEACHERN,
Grand Supt. Wellington District, No. 4.

HAMILTON DISTRICT, No. 5

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions
of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:*

It is my privilege to submit herewith a report of my stewardship and the condition of Capitular Masonry in Hamilton District No. 5, for the year 1940.

I wish to express in a most sincere manner my appreciation and thanks to all the Chapters for unanimously selecting me to this high office, and I just as sincerely hope that my efforts have met with their appropriation. To the Most Excellent, the Grand Z, I acknowledge a debt of gratitude for confirming my selection and also for his advice and encouragement throughout the year, and to every companion in the district I extend my heartfelt thanks for the very kindly manner in which they have done everything possible to lighten my burden, and any small measure of success, which I have achieved has been due to the kindly assistance I have received from everyone.

My first act was to appoint Ex. Comp. Harvey Phillip, as my secretary, and he has been my constant friend and helper in everything that I have undertaken throughout my term of office.

Capitular Masonry in the district I think I am safe in saying, in general is in good conditions and prospects on the whole, good. At every Chapter I tried to make it clear that it was the duty and privilege of every companion to persuade and assist Master Masons in search for "that which was lost."

INSPECTION VISITS

MCKAY CHAPTER No. 243.—On October 2nd I made my first visit and was most cordially welcomed, and received.

The Mark Master Mason Degree was conferred by the officers in a most creditable manner, and a great deal of commendation is due.

KEYSTONE CHAPTER No. 224.—On October 7th, I visited this Chapter, I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. R. Clark, and was graciously welcomed by the Excellent Z. Comp. Albert Tapsell. The Mark Master Mason Degree was conferred. The officers are of a high standard. The office of Scribe E. is in the good hands of R. Ex. Comp. J. S. Drysdale.

THE HAMILTON CHAPTER No. 175.—I visited this Chapter on October 15th. The Mark Master Mason Degree was ex-

emplified for my inspection, as this is one of the city Chapters and one of the most active, they are always up in their work and no criticism could be made, every officer being enthusiastic, perfect in the interpretation and working absolutely to the constitution. R. Ex. Comp. Samuel Vila is a very conscientious Scribe E, and takes a pride in his books.

DISTRICT DIVINE SERVICE.—On Sunday, November 3rd, a District Divine Service was held in the Anglican Church, Milton, under the auspices of St. Clair Chapter No. 75. This service was attended by the companions of Hamilton, Toronto and Wellington Districts. Rev. John V. Mills B.Th. Grand Chaplain preached the sermon. Most Excellent Companion Llewellyn Stephens Grand Z. was present.

ST. JOHN CHAPTER No. 6.—On November 14th I visited this Chapter. They conferred the M.E.M. Degree for my inspect. Ex. Comp. Gordon Worrall is to be congratulated on his work and that of his officers.

WHITE OAK CHAPTER No. 104.—Was visited November 20th. The Holy Royal Arch Degree was exemplified. The officers of this Chapter deserve a great deal of credit and are doing their utmost to make their Chapter a success. I feel that this is one Chapter which requires assistance.

ANCASTER CHAPTER No. 155.—I had the pleasure of visiting Ancaster Chapter, November 19th. I have witnessed degree work in Ancaster Chapter on other occasions.

ST. CLAIR CHAPTER No. 75.—Was visited November 21st, this is my Mother Chapter. I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. M. S. Sprout and received a hearty welcome from the First Principal Ex. Comp. R. C. Cunningham. The Most Excellent Master Degree was exemplified and the officers are very proficient. St. Clair Chapter is in excellent shape, and have enjoyed a good year with four candidates and one affiliation. I also had the pleasure of installing and investing the officers on January 16th. St. John Chapter No. 6 was the accompanying Chapter on this occasion and R. Ex. Comp. W. Shaw gave a short address in the Chapter room on the Most Excellent Master Degree.

THE HIRAM CHAPTER No. 2.—Visited November 22nd. I was introduced and warmly welcomed by Ex. Companion P. A. MacDougall, First Principal. The work of the evening was the M.E.M. Degree and was conferred in a creditable manner.

THE CALEDONIA CHAPTER No. 236.—Visited November 28th. I was accompanied by a number of companions from Ancaster and Hamilton Chapters.

The Principals' Association of Hamilton District held their annual dinner on Wednesday, January 29th, with the Most Excellent the Grand Z. and the Most Excellent the Grand Scribe E. in attendance. R. Ex. Comp. Fred Dean, President of the Association welcomed the companions of the District, and R. Ex. Comp. Wm. Shaw introduced the guest speaker of the evening. Ex. Comp. Dr. R. M. Bradley, who spoke on Masonry in India.

In conclusion, I congratulate all the newly installed officers of the Chapter of the District, and express my sincere thanks for their hearty co-operation during my term of office.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

W. T. BARNARD,
Grand Supt, Hamilton District, No. 5.

HURON DISTRICT, No. 6

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions
of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:*

I have the honour to present herewith my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Huron District for the year 1940.

My sincere thanks are due to the Principals, and Companions of Huron District for the great privilege of serving them, as the representative of the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal. This great honour and my gratitude for the kind confidence of the Companions will be a lasting memory. I also thank the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal for his confirmation, of the selection.

My first act was to appoint Ex. Comp. W. B. Anderson, of Lucknow Chapter, as District Secretary, which duties he performed in a very satisfactory and efficient manner, for which I express my sincere thanks.

Visits of Inspection were made as follows:

May 21st—Huron Chapter No. 30, Goderich.
June 17th—Lucknow Chapter, No. 147, Lucknow.
Oct. 14th—St. James Chapter No. 46, St. Marys.
Oct. 15th—Lebannon Chapter No. 84, Wingham.
Oct. 18th—Bernard Chapter No. 146, Listowel.
Oct. 21st—Malloch Chapter No. 66, Seaforth.
Oct. 25th—Tecumseh Chapter No. 24, Stratford.
Nov. 5th—Chantry Chapter No. 130, Southampton.
Nov. 6th—Elliott Chapter No. 129, Mitchell.
Nov. 20th—Havelock Chapter No. 63, Kincardine.

In all Chapters I was received with utmost kindness and courtesy, and with one exception, I had the pleasure of witnessing a degree conferred, or exemplified.

The work is quite uniform, and the Officers are all well skilled, and perform their duties in a dignified manner. There is a honest endeavour to give the work, word perfect, and to portray to the candidate the practical import of the underlying principles of each degree.

The books of the Scribe E., in every case are kept in good order, and the Officers responsible for their keeping are to be commended for their efforts, and I desire to extend my sincere thanks for their co-operation.

I would particularly like to extend my thanks to R. Ex. Comp. Joynt, Excellent Principals, and Companions of Lucknow Chapter, who so freely and willingly accompanied me on my visits of Inspection. And also to R. Ex. Comp. John Empey, Grand H., who was present at three of my visits of Inspection. And also to R. Ex. Comp. Neil MacEachern, Grand Superintendent Wellington District No. 4, for his Inspection, of my Mother Chapter, Lucknow Chapter, on June 17, as it certainly was a pleasure for me to inspect Kitchener Chapter, on Nov. 1st for him.

Among the outstanding events of the year was the District meeting, at Goderich, on June 10th, of Past Principals, Principals, and Officers which was attended by a goodly number of Companions. At 7 P.M. we sat in to an informal supper, after which we were addressed by Most Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, Grand Scribe E., after his remarks, this meeting had a general discussion on Royal Arch Chapter notices and I am glad to report this has improved the notices wonderfully.

The District Divine Service at Lucknow, on Sunday, September 29th, 1940, under auspices of Lucknow Chapter. The Companions present numbered 165, proceeded from Chapter room to Presbyterian Church, where the Pastor Companion Rev. Charles H. MacDonald, delivered an appropriate and inspiring address, also Ex. Comp. Fotheringham, of Chantry Chapter, rendered a solo. We were pleased to have present with us on this occasion Most Ex. Comp. L. F. Stephens, Grand First Principal, who read the Scripture lesson; R. Ex. Comp. John Empey, Grand H.; Most Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, Grand Scribe E.; R. Ex. Comps. Oliver Ellwood, London; A. H. Montieth, Paris; R. H. Reid, Woodstock; Fred Edwards, Palmerston, H. B. M. Tichborne and Armstrong, Goderich; F. E. Schilroth, Kincardine; Dr. Scott and A. Huber, Southampton; J. K. Martin, Grand Superintendent Wilson District No. 3; Neil MacEachern, Grand Superintendent Wellington District No. 4.

Another pleasing feature was the District reception, to Most Ex. Comp. L. F. Stephens, Grand First Principal, held at Lucknow on Friday evening, Nov. 8th, when over 100 Companions were present. Most Ex. Comp. Stephens delivered an eloquent address, inspiring to all, and it will long remain in the minds of the Companions, also present were Most Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, Grand Scribe E., R. Ex. Comp. John Empey, Grand H., and a number of past Grand Chapter Officers.

I attended District Divine Services of Wellington District No. 4, at Palmerston, on Sunday, June 16th, also at Waterloo, on Sunday Oct. 20th, and Wilson District No. 3, at Woodstock, on Sunday, Sept. 8th, all of which were largely attended.

To my successor I extend sincere felicitation and good wishes, and bespeak for him the same hearty cooperation that I have enjoyed.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted,

W. A. PORTEOUS,
Grand Supt. Huron District No. 6.

NIAGARA DISTRICT, No. 7

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions
of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:*

It is indeed a pleasant duty that I have the privilege of submitting my report of activities in Niagara District No. 7, in respect to Royal Arch Masonry for the year 1940. On all my visits I found that the best of harmony existed, and the friendly manner is something that makes life worth while.

I wish at this time to express my sincere thanks to the Companions of Niagara District for the honour they conferred upon me, as the representative of the Grand First Principal and for their loyal support. Especially the officers and Companions of Hugh Murray Chapter who accompanied me and also to R. Ex. Comp. Charles H. Sheppard and Very Ex. Comp. John R. Weare, Scribe E. of Mount Nebo Chapter No. 96, Niagara Falls, who were also in attendance and assisted me where ever possible and were only absent when weather prohibited.

Ex. Comp. John A. Bell whom I appointed District Secretary performed his duties in a very able manner and proved to be a very capable Companion.

My Inspection visits were made as follows:

Oct. 11th—Mount Moriah Chapter, No. 19, St. Catharines.

Oct. 18th—McCallum Chapter, No. 29, Dunnville.

Oct. 28th—Smithville Chapter, No. 240, Smithville.

Nov. 1st—Niagara Chapter, No. 55, Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Nov. 4th—Grimsby Chapter, No. 69, Grimsby.

Nov. 15th—Mount Nebo Chapter, No. 76, Niagara Falls.

Nov. 21st—King Hiram Chapter—No. 57, Port Colborne.

Nov. 27th—Wilson Chapter, No. 64, Welland.

Dec. 10th—Hugh Murray Chapter, No. 184, Fort Erie.

In each and every Chapter I was received in a very dignified manner also with that measure of friendship that makes our understanding so complete. Having made individual reports of the several Chapters to the Grand Scribe E., I feel that it is only necessary to comment on the district as a whole.

On all my Inspection visits—with the exception of two I had the pleasure of witnessing one of the various degrees being conferred or exemplified and I was very impressed with the manner in which the officers of each Chapter performed their duties.

An unique event which is worthy of mention took place at King Hiram Chapter No. 57, Port Colborne, when three

brothers, Charles, Edward and Louis Winn, all received their M. E. M. Degree.

Yet in spite of what enthusiasm there has been created, we are experiencing a Cycle which is becoming noticable in some of the chapters. I do not infer by this, that the chapters of this district are in a defeatist mood, for I have found upon my various visits that the business was conducted in a very enthusiastic manner—but there is just not enough material being presented to hold the status we have enjoyed in the past. Our chapters through out the district are in a very good condition financially and in view of the change in our economic conditions our prospects look better than they have for the many past years.

In closing, may I again thank the Companions of Niagara District, No. 7, for the pleasant memories which surround the evenings we have spent together. I have enjoyed the work, enjoyed your companionship, and I hope the same kindness be attended by successor in office.

Fraternally submitted,

J. H. SAMPSON,

Grand Supt. Niagara District, No. 7.

TORONTO EAST DISTRICT, No. 8

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., and the Companions
of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:*

I have the honour of forwarding for your kindest consideration the annual report on the activities of Toronto East District No. 8 for the year 1940.

To the ruling and Past Principals of this District I would like to express my sincere thanks and deep appreciation for selecting me as their Grand Superintendent and the honour which has also been given to York Chapter No. 62.

To the Most Excellent The Grand First Principal, Llewellyn F. Stephens I tender my sincere thanks for the confirmation of this selection and for the privilege of being his representative in District No. 8.

Ex. Comp. Geo. E. Rennie was chosen as my secretary and he has performed the duties of that office in a most capable and faithful manner.

It was a great pleasure to inspect the Work of all the Chapters, with the exception of King Solomons No. 8 which I very much regret I was unable to do owing to a sudden illness, R Ex. Comp. Lester Jackson at a moment's notice undertook this duty for me and I hereby express to him my very best thanks for his kindness.

R. Ex. Comp. Howard Carr of District No. 8a and I exchanged visits regarding the inspections of our respective Chapters and to him I tender my thanks for the honour of representing the Most Excellent Grand Z. at Lebanon Chapter.

During my visits of inspection I found that the officers of all the Chapters were enthusiastic and desirous of carrying out the Work and performing their various duties in a manner which would reflect credit on Capitular Masonry. On all occasions I was received with dignity and courtesy due to the Most Ex. Grand First Principal through his representative.

To the Grand Lecturer R. Ex. Comp. W. S. Enouy I would like to say "thank you" for he has at all times been most willing to assist and advise.

To the attention of our Companions I would commend the activities of the Royal Arch Welfare Committee which has again rendered such splendid service to the underprivileged children and mothers who were transported to and from the two lakeside camps, Bronte and Jackson's Point by our Tor-

onto and District Companions, voluntarily, under the supervision of Very Ex. Comp. James Woodland as Chairman and Ex. Comp. Jack Day as Secretary. This is a service rendered to those who would otherwise never have an opportunity of leaving the city during the very hot days of June, July and August, and which helps to build up their energies for the winter ahead of them. I feel that some recognition should be given to this great work by the Grand Body for there is no doubt of its having rendered Christian service to a great number of our fellow creatures. It may be of interest to the Companions of the other Districts to know that the total mileage travelled by the cars in this humanitarian work during the last summer totalled 28,000 miles and the number of persons transported 1500.

The ruling Principals have again been active during the past year and met under the able leadership of Ex. Comp. Fred Grose as Chairman and Harold Perkins as Secretary with the result that the three Chapters of Instruction have been held in Toronto East District No. 8, viz—the M.M.M. at Beaver Chapter, the M.E.M. at Aurora Chapter and the H.R.A. at University Chapter, have proven a great success not only for the knowledge of the Ritualistic Work that was obtained and the manner in which it should be rendered, but for the general enthusiasm the Fraternising spirit and the great interest that was evinced by the Ruling Principals and other Companions.

There is no doubt in my mind that the benefit derived from these "Chapters" is such that I hope and trust that this instructional work will be carried on in the coming year.

Companions, Royal Arch Masonry is still a very much alive institution and although we may have decreased slightly in numbers the spirit of Companionship is such that it amply compensates for that loss and I believe that Capitular Masonry has now made the turn and is coming into its own once more.

In conclusion may I express my deep appreciation to the Grand Chapter Officers past and present for their kindly advice support and assistance during my term of office. To all of the Chapters I would say that I have enjoyed my visits with them and their warm welcome on all occasions will ever remain with me.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

S. H. B. TONKIN,
Grand Supt. Toronto East District, No. 8.

TORONTO DISTRICT, No. 8A

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions
of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:*

I submit herewith the Annual Report of the activities of Toronto District 8A for the year 1940

It is my first duty to express the appreciation of the officers and members of Lebanon Chapter No. 220 G.R.C. for permitting one of their Past Principals to be honoured in being found fit to be selected to the office of Grand Supt. for this District, also my own personal thanks for confirmation of the selection by the Grand Z. and the generous support and welcome extended on all occasions during my term of office by the various members of the Chapters throughout the District.

R. Ex. Comp. S. H. B. Tonkin, Grand Supt. District No. 8, exchanged inspections and I have received encouraging support of the two Toronto Districts. It is unfortunate many of the Regular Convocations of the two Districts fall on the same evening which made it impossible for interchange of visits which might have been arranged. This has somewhat been offset by the Principals' Association Meetings and by the activity carried on by the Royal Arch Mason's Welfare Committee which has again brought to a successful conclusion another period of service to the underprivileged through the leadership of V. Ex. Comp. J. Woodland, the Chairman, and Ex. Comp. J. Day, Secretary Treasurer.

The work of this nature must be thoroughly recognized and greater support given to it by our governing body if it is to reach the original goal set for it. It is my opinion that Royal Arch Masonry must place before its members a definite project of its duties whereby member's enthusiasm can be aroused and restored. Ten trips were made by companions in their own cars to Camp Valдай operated by the Samaritan Club at Lake Simcoe and ten trips to Bronte Camp supported by the Toronto City Mission. All the Chapters in the two Toronto Districts shared in the humanitarian work, hereby practicing the lessons taught within our Chapters.

During the year Toronto was honoured on several occasions by visits from Most Ex. Comp. Stephens, Grand Z. The first of these was Divine Service held under the auspices of Toronto Chapter in High Park Presbyterian Church, Oct. 27th, 1940. V. Ex. Comp. Rev. G. W. Tebbs, Assistant Grand Chaplain preached the sermon assisted by Most Ex. Comp.

Llewellyn F. Stephens, Grand Z.; R. Ex. Comp. J. Empey, Grand H.; R. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden, Grand J; R Ex. Comp. S. H. B. Tonkin, Grand Supt. District No 8; R. Ex. Comp. A. F. Tannahill and the writer was also privileged to take a part.

I was also present with Most Ex. Comp. Llewellyn F. Stephens, Grand Z. at the Dedication of the King Cyrus Chapter Room, Oct. 15th, 1940. He was assisted by Most Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, Grand Scribe E., R. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden, Grand J., and other Grand Chapter Officers taking part. After the ceremony Most Ex. Comp. Llewellyn F. Stephens gave a most inspiring address on the workings of Masonry in general.

The St. Patricks Grand Chapter Night, Nov. 16th, 1940, District No. 8 is always one of the highlights in the history of the year. Most Ex. Comp. Llewellyn F. Stephens was unable to be present on this occasion. His place was taken by Most Ex. Comp. Wm. Y. Mills as G. Z. R. Ex. Comp. John Empey, Grand H. and R. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden, Grand J. who were accompanied by a large retinue of past and present Grand Chapter officers. The Royal Arch Degree was conferred by Most Ex. Comp. Wm. Y. Mills.

The Principals' Association of Toronto held their Annual Dinner, Jan. 30th, 1941, at the Walker House with the Grand Council as their Guests of Honour. The guest speaker of the evening being Capt. Brace who gave an inspiring address.

I was unable to be present at Ulster Chapter's Craft Lodge Night owing to having an inspection at Shekinah Chapter. This meeting was well attended. The Grand Council being present and accompanied by Grand Chapter members, Royal Arch and Craft Masons. Most Ex. Comp. Stephens was very warmly received by all present.

May I at this time make a few suggestions to the ruling Principals of 1941. There has been a tendency during my year to holding late meetings to which some of our older members have offered objections by not being present and as a suggestion I would ask that they have the Chapters open punctually on the hour placed on the summons and be able to close at a reasonable hour.

Ex. Comp. Frank Leuty acted as my District Secretary most capably.

In closing may I express my appreciation to all the Excellent Principals and Companions of the District for having

seen fit to elect me to this high office. I have always been conscious of the responsibility and dignity of the office and in a modest way endeavoured to discharge the duties faithfully. Having made many true friends during my term I only ask that my successor shall be accorded the same loyalty extended to me during one of the happiest years of my life.

Fraternally submitted,

W. H. CARR,

Grand Supt. Toronto District 8A.

GEORGIAN DISTRICT No. 9

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions
of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:*

In presenting my report of Capitular Masonry for Georgian District No. 9, I wish in the first place to thank the Officers and Companions for the distinct honour they have conferred on me.

It is with sincere regret that, due to serious illness in my family and the increased responsibility which fell upon me, I was unable to spend more time in my official capacity, and in particular with two of our Chapters that are in need of assistance.

Ex. Comp. Duncan McIntyre received my appointment of District Secretary and his assistance has proven invaluable and his company on every visit, an inspiration.

My visits of inspection were made viz:*

June 11th, 1940—Signet Chapter, No. 34, Barrie.

Nov. 7th, 1940—Amabel Chapter, No. 131, Wiarton.

Nov. 19th, 1940—Georgian Chapter, No. 56, Owen Sound.

Feb. 14th, 1940—Couchiching Chapter, No. 198, Orillia.

Feb. 21st, 1940—Manitou Chapter, No. 27, Collingwood.

Feb. 28th, 1940—Kickikewana Chapter, No. 167, Midland.

On each of my visits out of town I was accompanied by ten to eighteen local companions. In this character I have discovered an even greater spirit of good fellowship, and I sincerely appreciate the support given me. The night of my visit to my Mother Chapter was a high light in my Masonic life. Despite the severe snow storm that prevailed the previous night, some 22 visitors were present, having come from Wiarton, Orillia and Bracebridge, representing, in each case, a cold drive of over 100 miles. R. Ex. Comp. R. D. Keefe, now of Toronto, drove here from that city to be our Guest Speaker in which capacity he is a Master and was acclaimed as such by the 60 Companions present.

Due to the expressed desire for brevity in this report I will of necessity touch only the high lights.

I was disappointed with the very poor turn out at both Barrie and Owen Sound. It is with sincere regret that I mention this but I do hope my successor will, with the assistance of the various Chapters, be able to install new enthusiasm in Capitular Masonry in these Chapters. The visits to Wiarton, Orillia and Midland were occasions I shall long

remember. In each instance the reception given me is most appreciated. The spirit of True Fellowship was truly exemplified and each convocation proved an inspiration. All three of the Chapters are well managed and supported by sincerely enthusiastic Capitular Masons. Visits to such Chapters are a real joy and inspiration.

Finally, I must extend my thanks to those Principals, Past Principals, Officers and Companions for their whole hearted assistance and support during my term of office. In particular I wish to thank R. Ex. Comps, F. E. Bendell, R. E. Robertson, W. H. Whipps and Comp. Hugh Davidson for the faithful discharge of their accepted duties as Guest Speakers at the various Chapters, and Ex. Comp. H. A. Currie, a proud possessor of a 50 year Past Z's jewel, who accompanied me on every visit.

The year leaves me with many pleasant and happy memories and I have met many whose friendship I shall cherish for ever. I do ask for my successor the same loyal support and cooperation that has been given me.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. TROTT,

Grand Supt. Georgian District No. 9.

ONTARIO DISTRICT, No. 10

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions
of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:*

I have the honour to submit for your consideration my report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in District No. 10, as shown in the activities of the several Chapters in this District.

My first act was that of appointing Ex. Comp. Robert McNee of Keystone Chapter No. 35, Whitby, as District Secretary, and I am much indebted to him for valuable clerical assistance, and in examining and noting the condition of the books and other records of the several Chapters, at the time of my visits.

My inspection visits were made as follows:

June 7th, 1940—Excelsior Chapter, No. 45 Colborne.

June 17th, 1940—Palestine Chapter, No. 249, Bowmanville.

June 19th, 1940—King Darius Chapter, No. 134, Cannington.

Sept. 16th, 1940—Ionic Chapter, No. 168, Campbellford.

Sept. 24th, 1940—St. John's Chapter, No. 48, Cobourg.

Oct. 11th, 1940—Victoria Chapter, No. 37, Port Hope.

Oct. 17th, 1940—Midland Chapter, No. 94, Lindsay.

Nov. 11th, 1940—Warkworth Chapter, No. 110, Warkworth.

Dec. 3rd, 1940—Pentalpha Chapter, No. 28, Oshawa.

Dec. 13th, 1940—Keystone Chapter, No. 35, Whitby.

Dec. 18th, 1940—Corinthian Chapter, No. 36, Peterborough.

My visit to St. Andrew's Chapter No. 139, Havelock, was scheduled for October 21st, and no objection was made by them to this date, but on the eve of travelling to Havelock, and after making enquiry, I was informed that no meeting was to be held. Subsequently I gave them an option on two dates, but was informed by their Scribe E. that no meeting could be arranged.

With this exception, all the Chapters in Ontario District are carrying out their duties, and if I may judge by their routine work of opening and closing, together with ritual degree work, they are all in the hands of capable officers.

Finances while not at their best in all Chapters, none are being held up by reason of difficult circumstances.

Of the Chapters visited, three conferred the degree of the Holy Royal Arch, and excepting for a certain nervousness

shown by some of the Officers, the ritual work was well rendered, and above all, the dignity and beauty of this grand degree, was carefully maintained, and I am very sure, that in very case it must have made a favourable and lasting impression on the candidates. I feel that my congratulations are again due to those three Chapters.

Three others of the Chapters carried out the degree of Most Excellent Master, in my estimation a difficult one to carry through impressively, but except for a few small details, which I pointed out, the work was good.

Two chapters worked the Mark Master degree. Both of these Chapters are so well known for good work that I expected nothing else from them, and I gave them hearty approval. Incidentally there are some excellent ritualists in both of these Chapters.

Three Chapters had no available work, but if one may judge from their opening and closing, their trouble is truly a lack of Candidates, and not inefficiency. Among these last is my own Chapter, Keystone No. 35, and for Keystone I will say that we are on the upgrade, after a number of very lean years.

In looking over some figures I note that an attendance of 20% of membership is looked on as good, but the other 80% where is it? Allowing say 40% for those who are really unable to attend, it would leave 60% of the membership who should be present.

Then we would have Chapters where we would look forward each month to gathering together. No empty benches. No lack of good material for officers in future years. Every Companion seeking new candidates and getting them. Then we would indeed be building on a strong and sure foundation that no years of depression would cause it to fail. Then we would hand on a masonic building to our sons that would be worthy of its great teachings.

One of my particular aims is to endeavour to bring forward younger Companions, to create in them a spirit of zeal that once it strikes a man, he never loses it.

Therefore this year I held back on the installing of our officers, and induced our First Principal to keep this work in his hands. Every assistance was given to him, he did well in his first installation and will do better as the years roll on.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

W. M. JERMYN,
Grand Supt. Ontario District, No. 10.

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT, No. 11

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions
of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:*

I have the honour to submit my report on Capitular Masonry in Prince Edward District No. 11.

My first act after my investiture in my mother Chapter, the Moira No. 7, at their May convocation, was to appoint Ex. Comp. L. C. Pattrick as District Secretary.

On the evening of May 20th, I had the pleasure of being received by the Companions of Ionic Chapter No. 168, Campbellford, and on the same evening of visiting them at St. Andrews Chapter No. 139 at Havelock, and of hearing from Most Ex. Comp. Stephens at this convocation, one of the most educational and forceful addresses on Capitular Masonry that it has ever been my pleasure to listen to.

I again had the pleasure of being received at Ionic Chapter No 168 on the evening of September 16th, when R. Ex. Comp. William M. Jermyn, Grand Superintendent of Ontario District No. 10, made his inspection visit. I was deeply impressed by the dignity, kindliness and courtesy of R. Ex. Comp. Jermyn, and was very sorry that I did not have the pleasure of sharing with him the honours at some of the visits in Prince Edward District. This Chapter was again visited on November 18th, when their Past Principals were conferring the H.R.A. degree.

A special visit was made to Keystone Chapter No. 72 Stirling on February 10th, 1941, for the purpose of presenting R. Ex. Comp. Thos. W. S. Solmes with his "Age with Honour" Jewel.

Since our Visit, Madoc Chapter No. 161 have moved into their new Temple. This should create a more helpful spirit throughout the Chapter and we feel certain that this feeling will be reflected in the work done by them in the coming months.

On every visit I was properly received with Grand Honours, and the sincerity and warmth of my reception was all that could be desired. Degrees were exemplified at all Chapters excepting Presqu'île and Keystone. The work was well done and all Chapters in the District are striving for that uniformity so much to be desired, and that perfection of work which is necessary to properly impress the Candidate. It is my opinion that Capitular Masonry in Prince Edward Dis-

trict shows some improvement over recent years, and I believe that the future prospects, in all but one or two cases, to be most promising.

Visits of Inspection were made as follows:

Sept. 24th, 1940—Presqu'Île Chapter, No. 144, Brighton.

Oct 7th, 1940—Quite Friendship Chapter, No. 227, Belleville.

Oct. 16th, 1940—Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 44, Napanee.

Oct. 21st, 1940—Prince Edward Chapter, No. 31, Picton.

Nov. 11st, 1940—Keystone Chapter, No. 72, Stirling.

Nov. 19th, 1940—St. Mark's Chapter, No. 26, Trenton.

Nov. 25th, 1940—Madoc Chapter, No. 161, Madoc.

Dec. 3rd, 1940—The Moira Chapter, No. 7, Belleville.

The visit to Quinte Friendship Chapter was somewhat marred by the accidental death on that date of Ex. Comp. O. R. Thomson, for years an active worker in The Moira Chapter and almost as well known in our Sister Chapter. Quinte Friendship Chapter have since suffered an almost irreparable loss in the sudden demise of their very efficient Scribe E., V. Ex. Comp. W. I. Cole, who was called to the Grand Chapter above on December 22, 1940. Both of these Excellent Companions will be greatly missed in their respective Chapters.

On September 15th, District Divine Service was held in Belleville, at St. Thomas Anglican Church, under a dispensation granted by The Moira Chapter No. 7. Companion, The Reverened Beauchamp Payne officiated. Despite the unclemency of the weather the attendance was much better than usual. Over forty of those present being Right Excellent, Very Excellent, and Excellent Companions.

On January 13th, 1941, I had the very great pleasure of acting as Installing Officers at a joint Installation of The Moira and Quinte Friendship Chapters. In this I was ably assisted by some eighteen Past Principals of these two Chapters, to whom I am greatly indebted for their valuable assistance.

In closing, may I again express the pleasure, that I could not help but feel, at the number of Companions who accompanied me on these visits. Their whole hearted support and the many pleasant contacts made this year, will long remain a cherished memory.

Respectfully Submitted,

HAROLD MCEL RATH,

Grand Supt. Prince Edward District No. 11.

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT, No. 12

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions
of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:*

I have the honour to submit for your consideration my report on condition of Capitular Masonry in St. Lawrence District No. 12 for the year 1940.

First I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the District, in general, for the honour of holding the high and responsible office which was given to me by acclamation at Hamilton, Ont., and to Most Ex. Comp. Llewellyn F. Stephens for confirming the same.

My first visit was with the Kingston Companions to Sussex Chapter on May 8th, when the Holy Royal Arch Degree was exemplified by the Kingston Companions in very satisfactory manner.

On May 20th, I visited St. Johns' Chapter, Morrisburg and received a warm welcome from Companions Davy, Gorrell and Currie all past Grand Superintendents of St. Lawrence District and the Holy Royal Arch Degree was exemplified by Ex. Comp. Lazerte and Officers in a very creditable manner.

On Oct. 8th, I paid my visit to Grenville Chapter, Prescott. The M.M.M. Degree was exemplified by Ex. Comp. Walker and Officers in fine manner, V. Ex. Comp. Cook is the Scribe E. and a real good one.

Oct. 17th was the date of my visit to Maitland Chapter, South Augusta. The Degree of H.R.A. was exemplified by the Officers of the Chapter with the assistance of several Past Principals from Brockville. I would like to thank Ex. Comp. Young for his fine work, he is a member of St. Lawrence Chapter.

On Nov. 7th, I visited Sussex Chapter and St. Lawrence Chapter at Brockville. The Degree of the H.R.A. was conferred by a selection of officers from both Chapters, and was well done. M. Ex. Comp. W. Y. Mills spoke at the after meeting, and Ex. Comp. Jas. Blyth presented me with a beautiful parchent record of my visit.

On Nov. 15th, I had the honour of introducing to the Companions of St. Lawrence District M. Ex. Comp. L. F. Stephens, Grand First Principal of Hamilton, Ont. When he addressed a gathering of over two hundred Craft Lodge Masons. This was one of the finest meetings ever held in this old Masonic city of Kingston.

On Nov. 20th, I visited Covenant Chapter, Cornwall and received a hearty welcome from the Companions of this Chapter. The M.E.M. Degree was conferred in an excellent manner by Ex. Comp. W. J. Barber, assisted by Past Principals and Officers of the Chapter. Capitular Masonry here is in good hands, and the spirit of fellowship ever present.

On Jan. 2nd, 1941, Leeds Chapter, Gananoque was visited after not being able to attend their regular meeting in December owing to road conditions. This Chapter is suffering from the lack of attendance but the Companions this spring have several plans in which they hope to bring it back to the high standard of a few years ago and are arranging two or three visits with out of Town Chapters.

My home Chapter, Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui Chapter at Kingston, was visited on Jan. 17th, 1941, when I assisted R. Ex. Comps. Harvey Milne and Bearance in installing the officers for 1941. This Chapter has suffered for the last two years for the lack of candidates, but at our meeting on Jan. 17th we had five applications and with the increase in population of this district we believe that this Chapter will be back where it was 15 years ago.

I would again like to thank the Companions of the District for selecting me to this High Office in Capitular Masonry and I would also like to thank R. Ex. Comp. Milne who accompanied me on all my visits, and which made my year a pleasant one which I will long cherish.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

HERBERT F. THOMSON,
Grand Supt. St. Lawrence District, No. 12.

OTTAWA DISTRICT, No. 13

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal and the Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons Canada:

It is a great pleasure for me to report on the conditions of Capitular Masonry in Ottawa District No. 13 for the year 1940.

I thank the Companions of the District for my selection to the high and important office of Grand Superintendent. I also wish to extend my sincere thanks to the Most Excellent the Grand Z. for his confirmation of the same. To my good friend Ex. Comp. C. W. Powers, Past First Principal of Carleton Chapter No. 16, who has so kindly and efficiently acted as District Secretary for me, I wish to extend my sincere appreciation and heartfelt thanks for the sacrifice of his time and for his invaluable assistance. During recent years when attending visits of inspection to the several chapters in the District it was quite evident to me that something had to be done to stimulate interest, increase attendance and improve the quality of the work.

After considering several schemes I decided to try and arrange an interchange of visits on my night of inspection, the visiting chapter to exemplify the degree. Immediately on my return and accompanied by Ex. Comp. Powers I visited each First Principal in the District and with their kindly assistance arranged the itinerary of my visits with a fair distribution of degrees.

I was delighted with their enthusiastic co-operation and felt that it was bound to be a year of real fraternal visits.

Such proved to be the case. On each occasion I have had record attendance, excellent degree work and from the host chapters the most cordial reception and hospitality.

The Chapters are not prosperous, there is lack of new members, loss of old members from death, demits and suspensions yet I feel that with the assistance of the Past Principals who are filling offices, they will carry on until the depression is over and new material is available. The instruction given to us at Grand Chapter by R. Ex. Comp. Enouy has been well received and will I am sure greatly improve the uniformity of the work.

It was our privilege to have with us this year on two occasions Most Ex. Comp. Stephens as our Guest Speaker. First on the occasion of a District reception to Most Wor.

Bro. Dr. J. A. Dobbie in April and again in November on the twentieth anniversary of Ottawa Chapter No. 222. Both of these functions were largely attended, all bodies of the craft were well represented and the profound and inspiring addresses of our Grand Z. will long be remembered by all privileged to hear him. His address at Ottawa Chapter banquet was more than outstanding and has caused much favourable comment, both as to his intimate knowledge of Free Masonry and also as to his ability to expound it. Could I suggest to the executive committee of Grand Chapter that it might prove very beneficial throughout the jurisdiction if we could have one or two such lectures or addresses each year in each district, to be given by our Grand First Principal or some other as well qualified. I am sure from the re-action of the visits, there is nothing that would stimulate more interest and activity, keeping in mind as he had done on both occasions this year, that at these functions all members of the craft are welcome.

The financial aspect of this would have to be discussed but I am sure the increase in membership would shortly repay the outlay. To my successor I wish him the same hearty and loyal support which I have received throughout the District.

To all the Companions with whom I have associated this year I wish them success and happiness. I thank them for their assistance and co-operation and request the same from them to my successor.

Fraternally Submitted,

S. F. SMITH,

Grand Supt. Ottawa District No. 13.

ALGOMA DISTRICT, No. 14

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions
of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:*

In presenting my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Algoma District No. 14, I desire to express my appreciation of the honour conferred on me by the Companions of the district in selecting me for the high office of Grand Superintendent. I also wish to thank the Most Ex. Grand Z. for confirming the appointment.

For District Secretary I appointed Ex. Comp. Willis Spencer, a Past Z. of Fort William Chapter No. 140, and to him I wish to express my thanks for his help and co-operation. I have visited all the Chapters and was received in each very heartily indeed.

FORT WILLIAM CHAPTER NO. 140, FORT WILLIAM.—I visited this Chapter officially on October 4th, 1940 and was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. E. E. Wood and received a very warm welcome from Ex. Comp. H. L. Thompson and the Companions. No Degrees were conferred at this meeting, but as this is my own Chapter, I am fully conversant with the splendid manner in which the work can be done. The Scribe E., R. Ex. Comp. Coles is most efficient and the books are in perfect order.

GOLDEN CHAPTER NO. 90, KENORA.—My visit to Golden Chapter on October 22nd, 1940 was a most enjoyable one. I was introduced by my old friend R. Ex. Comp. Geo. McKenzie, and my reception was very cordial indeed. The M.E.M. degree was conferred at this convocation and the work was of a very high order, all the officers being proficient in ritual and delivery. V. Ex. Comp. A. G. Stevenson, the Scribe E., has the books of the Chapter up to date, and kept in a most efficient manner.

ATWOOD CHAPTER NO. 149, RAINY RIVER.—My inspection of Atwood Chapter was made at a joint convocation held at Fort Frances, between Atwood Chapter No. 149 and Alberton Chapter No. 152, on October 23rd. I found the books of Atwood Chapter kept in good shape, and the officers proficient in the work. This Chapter is slowly recovering from the effects of a fire a few years ago.

ALBERTON CHAPTER NO. 152, FORT FRANCES.—On October 23rd I attended a joint Convocation of Atwood No. 149 and Alberton No. 152 at Fort Frances. My reception by the Companions left nothing to be desired. I was introduced by

two old friends, R. Ex. Comp. Pilkey and R. Ex. Comp. J. W. Walker. The Royal Arch degree was conferred in a very capable and impressive manner. The Scribe E., Comp. J. R. Angus has the books and records in perfect shape and deserves credit for his efficiency.

SHUNIAH CHAPTER NO. 82, PORT ARTHUR.—I have visited this Chapter on several occasions and my inspection visit was made on November 20th, 1940. Introduced by R. Ex. Comp. Geo. Blanchard and received by Ex. Comp. Knutson I was made very welcome. The M.M.M. degree was very ably conferred and the candidate was very much impressed. R. Ex. Comp. Freed, Scribe E., is a most efficient officer, and the Chapter is to be congratulated on the splendid manner in which his books are kept.

In closing may I express to all the Companions of the District my sincere appreciation of their kindness and support. I have made many new friends and renewed many old ones. This has been an outstanding year in my Masonic life, and I hope to be of still more service to the Order in future.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted,

ROBERT JAMIESON,
Grand Supt. Algoma District No. 14.

NEW ONTARIO DISTRICT, No. 15

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions
of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:*

In presenting my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry for New Ontario District No. 15, I wish first to express my appreciation to the Companions of this District for the honour conferred upon me by selecting me as Grand Superintendent and my sincere thanks to the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal for his confirmation.

The last year has been a very enjoyable one but I greatly regret that I was not able to visit the several Chapters of this jurisdiction more than once during my term of office. The distances between the constituent Chapters in the North are lengthy when compared with other Districts (Sudbury to North Bay 90 miles, Sudbury to Sault Ste. Marie 200 miles).

My first act was to appoint Ex. Comp. Pieter Bregman as District Secretary. He accompanied me on all inspection visits, gave me most loyal support and co-operation, all of which is greatly appreciated.

At the beginning of the year I had intended holding a Chapter of Instruction, but as there were no candidates available in any of the Chapters during the fall months I did not deem it advisable. I sincerely hope, however, that these meetings may be resumed shortly.

The following is a list of my visitations during my term of office:

June 6th—St. John's Chapter, North Bay.

Oct. 11th—Algonquin Chapter, Sault Ste. Marie.

Dec. 10th—Tuscan Chapter, Sudbury.

I was cordially welcomed and properly received on each of my visits. A good fraternal spirit exists in all the Chapters. Each is working for the good of Capitular Masonry. Although the number of applications in the past year has been small, Royal Arch Masonry in this district continues to fulfill its duty to Humanity and Democracy.

St. John's Chapter conferred the Royal Arch Degree on four Companions and Algonquin Chapter exemplified the Royal Arch Degree. I visited Tuscan Chapter on "Election Night". There was no degree work but I had the privilege during the last year of seeing all degrees conferred. In all cases the Officers were proficient in the Ritualistic Work and the degrees were conferred in an impressive manner. The Past Principals who are an asset to any Chapter assisted in all

work and it is by their loyalty and co-operation that our Chapters continues to function.

To Pembroke Chapter, Mattawa, I extend my sympathy in not having enough resident members to hold a Convocation. Due to this fact I did not pay them a visit. They seem to be in a good financial condition and perhaps better days are in store for them.

On Jan. 14th, 1941 I had the privilege of officiating at the Installation and Investiture of Officers of Tuscan Chapter. I was assisted by R. Ex. Comp. H. M. Stephenson.

Many new friendships have been made, many old ones renewed and my sincere thanks and appreciation goes out to all the Companions in this District for their kindly spirit of loyalty and co-operation. I can only hope that my visits have been beneficial in a small way to the Chapters concerned. I can assure you that they have been a source of encouragement and enlightenment to me.

Fraternally and respectfully submited,

C. O. MADDOCK,
Grand Supt. New Ontario District No. 15.

TEMISKAMING DISTRICT, No. 16

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions
of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:*

I hereby submit for your approval my report as Grand Superintendent of Temiskaming District No. 16 for the year 1940-41. In doing so I would like to express my thanks for the honour conferred on me by the representatives of the constituent chapters in this district, in selecting me to the office of Grand Superintendent for the year now ending, and to the Most Excellent the Grand Z for his confirmation.

My first official act was to appoint Ex. Comp. G. F. Doggett of Kirkland Chapter No. 251 as District Secretary, the duties of which office he performed in a very satisfactory and efficient manner.

In the month of June this district was honoured by a visit from the Grand Z. and the Grand Scribe E. The chapters visited were Cobalt Chapter at Cobalt, June 3rd, which was dedicated at that time by the Grand Z, M. Ex. Comp. L. F. Stephens, assisted by the Grand Scribe E., M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, and other Grand Chapter officers officiating in a very impressive manner; June 4th they visited Kirkland Chapter at Kirkland Lake; June 5th a joint meeting with Northern Lights Chapter and Abitibi Chapter at Iroquois Falls. Fortunately I had the pleasure of accompanying them on each of their visits.

COBALT CHAPTER NO. 203, COBALT.—On the evening of September 17th I visited this chapter, accompanied by three companions from Kirkland Chapter and R. Ex. Comp. Rev. J. V. Mills, who at that time was supplying at the Presbyterian Church at Kirkland Lake.

ABITIBI CHAPTER NO. 223, IROQUOIS FALLS.—This chapter was visited on September 27th. I was accompanied by two companions from Kirkland Chapter and R. Ex. Comp. J. V. Mills, being welcomed on our arrival by friends at Iroquois Falls.

TEMISKAMING CHAPTER NO. 169, NEW LISKEARD.—I visited this chapter on the evening of October 2nd in company with several companions from Kirkland Chapter.

NORTHERN LIGHTS CHAPTER NO. 213, TIMMINS.—I visited this chapter on the evening of October 16th with several companions from Kirkland Chapter. After the business the M.E.M. Degree was exemplified and the officers, supported by

the experienced past principals, were very proficient in their work.

KIRKLAND CHAPTER NO. 251, KIRKLAND LAKE.—This chapter was visited on the evening of November 13th. The Royal Arch Degree was conferred on four M.E.M. from Tremoy Chapter No. 26, Noranda, Quebec, by the officers, supported by the past principals of Kirkland Chapter. The work was excellently done.

On each visit an examination of the chapter books and records proved them to be most neatly and accurately kept.

Among the outstanding events of the year was Divine Service in the Presbyterian Church, Kirkland Lake, Sunday evening, September 29th. The companions present numbered twenty-six, of whom three were visitors. The pastor, R. Ex. Comp. J. V. Mills, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter of Canada, delivered an appropriate and inspiring address.

On January 8th I had the pleasure of assisting at the installation of our officers in Kirkland Chapter No. 251 at Kirkland Lake for the year 1941. On January 24th I assisted in installing the officers of Abitibi Chapter No. 223 at Iroquois Falls for the year 1941.

In conclusion may I again extend to all the officers and companions in this district my sincere thanks and appreciation for their kindness and co-operation extended to me during my term of office. My sincere good wishes and support await my successor in office.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

H. S. ROOD,

Grand Supt. Temiskaming District No. 16.

KLONDIKE CHAPTER, No. 154, R.A.M., G.R.C.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions
of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:*

In submitting this brief report, I first desire to thank the Companions of Klondike Chapter No. 154, for selecting me for the Office of Grand Superintendent for District No. 17, and also for the confirmation of same by the Most Excellent Grand Z.

As I am a regular attendant at all Convocations of Klondike Chapter No. 154, it seemed to me to be quite unnecessary to make an Inspection visit, and again, as the Annual Returns of Scribe E. of this Chapter contains the fullest information as to the activities of the Chapter during the past year, and its present numerical strength and financial conditions, it will be useless to repeat same here.

I was present and took part in the Installation Ceremony of all Officers of Klondike Chapter No. 154, for the year 1941, which took place on the 16th, inst., under the direction of the R. Ex. Comp. John Halliburton, and was conducted in his usual fluent, impressive and able manner.

In looking over the records of this Chapter with Scribe E. it was found that our R. Ex. Comp. Warren H. S. McFarland, a Life Member of this Chapter, and a Past Z. for the last 25 years, is now entitled to the Most Excellent Grand Chapter's 25 year jewel, and I am pleased to report that a formal application for same will be made in a very short time.

In the deaths reported by our Scribe E. of Members of Klondike Chapter during the past year, contained the name of Ex. Comp. James L. Bell, Charter Member No. 1, on our Membership Roll, and he was a grand old man if ever there was one.

In closing, while I cannot hold out much hope for any large increase in Membership of this Chapter during the coming term, yet there will be some, although the limited population of this District at the present time, is not conducive to a large following in Capitular Masonry.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

GEORGE N. WILLIAMS,
Grand Supt., District No. 17.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. J. M. Empey, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden, and—

Resolved,—That the reports of the Grand Superintendents of the Districts be referred to the Committee on Condition of Capitular Masonry, to report later at this Convocation.

Right Ex. Comp. Frank A. Copus, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, and representing the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, conveyed fraternal greetings, also congratulated the Grand First Principal and Grand Council in authorizing the circular sent from the office of the Grand Scribe E., requesting all Royal Arch Masons to join with their Constituent Lodges that the request from Grand Lodge re the British War Relief Fund may be put across a hundred per cent.

HONOURARY RANK OF A PAST GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL CONFERRED ON RODERICK B. DARGAVEL

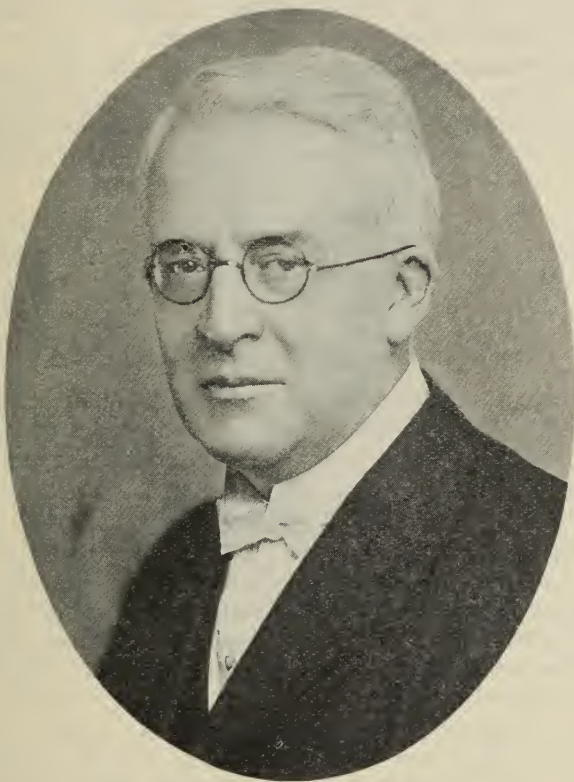
It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. John M. Empey, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden, that Section 87, of the Constitution, be suspended in order that, if it receives the unanimous consent, he would move that Very Excellent Companion Roderick B. Dargavel, Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence, be given the honorary rank of a Past Grand Z., in our appreciation of his many years of service to this Grand Body. The Grand Z. submitted the resolution which received the unanimous endorsement of the assembly.

It was then moved by R. Ex. Comp. John M. Empey, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden, and—

Resolved,—That V. Ex. Comp. Roderick B. Dargavel, a Past Grand Senior Sojourner of Toronto, Ontario, have the honorary rank conferred upon him of a Past Grand First Principal.

Most Ex. Comp. Stephens extended to the Most Excellent Sir-elect the expression of those in attendance who had showed their love and affection towards their co-worker.

Companion Dargavel, taken entirely by surprise, expressed in a few words his sincere appreciation of the very high honour bestowed upon him.



MOST EX. COMP. RODERICK B. DARGAVEL
Honourary Past Grand Z.
Elected April 23rd, 1941

COMMUNICATIONS AND GREETINGS

Letters and telegrams conveying fraternal greetings and expressing regrets for non-attendance were received from:—

Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in Ontario—R. Wor. Bro. John A. McRae, Deputy Grand Master, "Wishing Grand Chapter a most successful Convocation."

General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America—Most Ex. Comp. John Huske Anderson, General Grand High Priest; Most Ex. Comp. Wm. E. Goff, Deputy General Grand High Priest; Most Ex. Comp. Roscoe R. Walcott, General Grand Secretary.

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts—Most Ex. Comp. George W. Long, Grand High Priest; Most Ex. Comp. Raymond T. Sewall, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois—Most Ex. Comp. John Y. Olsen, Grand High Priest; Right Ex. Comp. Edward E. Core, Grand Secretary.

Supreme Council, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Dominion of Canada—John A. Rowland, Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander.

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, State of Indiana—Right Ex. Comp. Charles C. Thomas, Grand Secretary.

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Alberta—Most Ex. Comp. W. Hudson Scott, Grand Z. "We in Alberta wish our Mother and Grand Chapter of Canada everything that is good, materially and spiritually, and may the blessing of the Great Jehovah be ever with you." Right Ex. Comp. Cyril A. MacPherson, Grand Scribe E.

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia—Right Ex. Comp. Capt. Edgar B. Baker, Prince Rupert. "May the year 1941 bring to the world that peace, spiritual and temporal, in which Freemasonry, and all it stands for, can best thrive and endure."

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masonry of Nova Scotia, with jurisdiction over Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia—Most Ex. Comp. T. Gordon Ives, Grand High Priest.

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia—Most Ex. Comp. F. C. Bird, Grand Scribe E.

Grand Chapter of West Virginia—Right Ex. Comp. W. H. Cramblett, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Canada, near the Grand Chapter of West Virginia.

Mocha Temple, A.A.O.N. of the M.S. of London, Ont.—
Extending full privileges to our guests and delegates at the
Mocha Mosque.

The Niagara Principals' Association asking that the 84th
Annual Convocation be held at Niagara Falls, Ont.

Chairman of the Industrial and Publicity Committee of
Ottawa requesting the next Convocation at Ottawa, Ontario.

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Delaware—R. Ex.
Comp. John M. Macklem, Grand Secretary.

All communications were received and ordered to be
acknowledged with thanks and appreciation.

NOMINATIONS

Nominations were then called for by the Grand Z. for the
elective officers of Grand Chapter, and the next place of
meeting.

ELECTION OF GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS

Grand Chapter was called at 12.30 o'clock noon from labour,
to enable the Districts to select their Grand Superintendents
for the ensuing year.

Luncheon 12.45 noon

Wednesday, April 23rd, 1941

The Most Ex. the Grand Z., Guests and Delegates assembled
in the Banquet Hall of the Masonic Temple and listened with
enjoyment to their distinguished guest speaker, Most Ex.
Comp. R. B. Dargavel, who spoke on the Benevolence of the
Masonic Craft.

LABOUR RESUMED

Grand Chapter Called on 2.30 o'clock p.m.

At 2.30 o'clock p.m. the Grand Chapter resumed labour,
when the nominations for Grand Superintendents were sub-
mitted to the Most Excellent the Grand Z., who was pleased to
approve in each case, and the following selections were con-
firmed:—

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

R. Ex. Comp. Hugh Baird Hood	St. Clair District No. 1
273 Glidden Ave., Riverside, Ont.	
R. Ex. Comp. William Campbell	London " " 2
Strathroy, Ont.	

R. Ex. Comp. Chester Stuart Wood	Wilson	District No. 3
106 Eagle Ave., Brantford, Ont.		
R. Ex. Comp. Gordon Verne Hilborn	Wellington	" " 4
406 King St., Preston, Ont.		
R. Ex. Comp. Frederick William Dean	Hamilton	" " 5
244 Holton Ave., S. Hamilton, Ont.		
R. Ex. Comp. Adam Dahmar	Huron	" " 6
Atwood, Ont.		
R. Ex. Comp. Maurice John Burdon	Niagara	" " 7
Box 232, Port Colborne, Ont.		
R. Ex. Comp. William Henry Ford	Toronto East	" " 8
110 Kingswood Road, Toronto 8, Ont.		
R. Ex. Comp. James William Woodland	Toronto West	" " 8a
88 Moore Ave., Toronto, Ont.		
R. Ex. Comp. Earl MacLaren	Georgian	" " 9
Warton, Ont.		
R. Ex. Comp. Gerald Carlow Bonnycastle	Ontario	" " 10
Box 23, Bowmanville, Ont.		
R. Ex. Comp. Marven Ryckman Reid	Prince Edward	" " 11
Napanee, Ont.		
R. Ex. Comp. Edwin Adams Cook	St. Lawrence	" " 12
Box 400, Prescott, Ont.		
R. Ex. Comp. Harry Edward Menzies	Ottawa	" " 13
Box 654, Carleton Place, Ont.		
R. Ex. Comp. Harry John Hughes	Algoma	" " 14
Rainy River, Ont.		
R. Ex. Comp. George Ellis Richardson	New Ontario	" " 15
14 The Drive, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.		
R. Ex. Comp. George Liebert Cameron	Temiskaming	" " 16
Box 180, Iroquois Falls, Ont.		
R. Ex. Comp. George Norris Williams	Yukon	" " 17
Dawson City, Y.T.		

The newly-appointed Grand Superintendents were subsequently addressed and given the necessary instructions as to the duties pertaining to their office, by the Grand Lecturer, R. Ex. Comp. W. S. M. Enouy, and supplied with further equipment by the Grand Scribe E., Most Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith.

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

Most Ex. Comp. George L. Gardiner presented his report on "Fraternal Correspondence" and read the "Foreword" of the same.

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. George L. Gardiner, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. W. Y. Mills, and—

Resolved,—That the report on the Fraternal Correspondence be received and adopted.

HISTORIAN AND REVIEWER ELECTED

Moved by R. Ex. Comp. John M. Empey, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden, and—

Resolved,—"That Most Excellent Companion George L. Gardiner be re-elected Grand Historian and Reviewer."

Telegram forwarded to our Grand Master, Most Wor. Bro. J. A. Dobbie:

Dr. J. A. Dobbie, Victoria, B.C.:

Grand Chapter in Annual Convocation at London, Ontario, convey their best wishes to their beloved Grand Master and pray that He who governs all may give to you a speedy recovery.

LLEWELLYN F. STEPHENS, Grand Z.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND Z.'S ADDRESS

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

Your Committee has received and reviewed with much interest the address of M. Ex. Comp. Stephens and heartily endorse the warm welcome extended by him to our guests and delegates. We join with him in appreciating the privilege of meeting in the City of London, where one hundred years ago Masonry was established by a Craft Lodge, working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. Upon the foundation laid by these pioneers, Masonry has built a structure strong and beautiful. The Grand Z.'s brief comment on the growth, importance, and beauty of London will be read and appreciated by our visitors and members alike.

We concur in his reference to the titantic struggle in which democracy is aligned against totalitarianism and all for which this vicious system stands. We also approve entirely his remarks relative to the assistance that is being given to the Empire by our cousins of the Great American Republic.

It is with profound sorrow that we read his tribute to the death of two of our Past Rulers. The late M. Ex. Comp. A. S. Gorrell having been Grand First Principal of this Grand Chapter in 1917-18, while of more recent date was the tenure of office of the late M. Ex. Comp. Alexander Cowan, who occupied the position of Grand Z. in 1934. Both of these Companions will be sadly missed, both made heavy contributions

to the cause of Masonry and we are of the opinion that this fraternity is the richer and better because these beloved Companions lived, loved, toiled and served.

We approve the action of the Grand Z. in giving of his time to visit Lodges and Craft Associations, his addresses on such occasions have undoubtedly carried messages that have been much appreciated by those whose knowledge of the Royal Arch is limited. We lend our hearty support to his reference to Divine Service and are fully in accord with all his Dispensations, and Rulings.

Interest in the Capitular Craft is evidenced by the many letters received by Comp. Stephens. We are sure that this correspondence will find a place among his treasures as a happy reminder of his term of office.

Like the Grand Z. we are of the opinion that visitations to Sister Jurisdictions should be fostered and continued certainly in Canada and as far as is possible under existing conditions in the United States. We agree with the references to Craft Masonry and are happy to note the many courtesies extended to our Grand Z. by Grand Lodge and its officials.

The comments on the welfare work of the Toronto Companions will no doubt be greatly appreciated, while much interest will be evidenced in the lengthy list of recipients of "Veterans Jewels".

The Grand Z.'s action respecting Investments will, we are sure, meet with the approval of our entire membership. The need for greater care in the preparation of Chapter Summonses strikes a note that should be taken seriously by Officers of our Constituent Chapters. Congratulations are due the Grand Z. on the production of the "Royal Arch Banner"—our comment is, interesting, inexpensive, and effective.

We cannot place too much emphasis upon our approval of the graceful tribute paid to V. Ex. Comp. R. B. Dargavel, in elevating him to the rank of Past Grand Z., in so doing we honour this Grand Chapter.

If ever a man should have "Semper Fidelis" emblazoned upon his banners it is the Companion whom we seek to honour. His Masonic record will stand as a memorial to one who has ever been faithful to the trust reposed in him by his Brethren and Companions.

In conclusion, your Committee desire to pay well deserved tribute to M. Ex. Comp. Stephens. His has been an inspired leadership, his zeal for the institution and devotion to duty marks him as one who having given of his best, may well re-

tire with the satisfaction that comes from a knowledge of work well done. His reward will be found not alone in the Masonic rank to which he has attained but perhaps in something more tangible which can only be expressed in the love and admiration of all those who are privileged to know him. During his regime R.A. Masonry has made progress in the right direction for which he merits our esteem and hearty applause.

EDWIN SMITH,
WALTER G. PRICE,
W. Y. MILLS,
GEORGE L. GARDINER, Chairman.

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. Geo. L. Gardiner, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. W. Y. Mills, and—

Resolved,—That the report of the Committee on the Grand Z.'s Address be received and adopted.

R. EX. COMP. JOHN V. MILLS, B.Th., ADDRESSES ANNUAL CONVOCATION

Grand Chapter was permitted to be “at ease” at which time a most stirring address was presented by our Grand Chaplain, R. Ex. Comp. John V. Mills, B.Th.

The assembled Guests and Delegates received his remarks most fittingly as shown by their enthusiasm and applause.

GRAND TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

March 1st, 1940 to February 28th, 1941

Received by Grand Scribe	Amount paid — Cheques..
E. from Chapters on	and Cash .....\$11,498.66
account of Dues, Fees,	Benevolent 3,445.00
etc.\$ 9,112.42	
Interest on Investments	
and Bank Balances 4,188.91	
Excess Disbursements	
over Receipts 1,642.33	
(See below “A”)	
\$14,943.66	\$14,943.66

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

Investments—March 1st, 1940, at cost, per last accounts	\$94,791.45	Matured—National Trust Co., Ltd.	\$ 2,000.00
Purchases	480.00	Investments—Feb. 28th, 1941, at cost, per schedule	93,271.45
	<u>\$95,271.45</u>		<u>\$95,271.45</u>

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

February 28th, 1941, Capital:—

At Canadian Bank of Commerce—Current	\$ 549.08
—Savings	3,004.91
Incidental Account—Cash on hand	29.71
	<u>\$ 3,583.70</u>
Investments	93,271.45
	<u>\$96,855.15</u>

March 1st, 1940, Capital:—

At Canadian Bank of Commerce—Current	\$ 394.17
—Savings	3,301.75
Incidental Account—Cash on hand	10.11
	<u>\$ 3,706.03</u>
Investments	94,791.45
	<u>\$98,497.48</u>
Decrease—See above "A"	\$ 1,642.33

All of which is fraternally submitted.

(Signed) E. J. CARTER, C.A.,
Auditor.WALTER G. PRICE,
Grand Treasurer.

Chartered Accountants, Sharpe, Milne & Co.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. J. M. Empey, seconded by
M. Ex. Comp. Walter G. Price, and—

Resolved,—That the Statement of the Grand Treasurer for the year
1940 be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SCRIBE E.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions
of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:*

I submit for your consideration my report of activities during the year 1940.

During the past year I have accompanied the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal and his Grand Council upon many of their visitations and at all Dedications, also I have held several conferences with the Officers and Past Principals in Districts and I believe that results will be obtained by such get togethers. At these gatherings not only were the duties of the Chapter discussed but also matters appertaining to the Royal Craft Welfare.

I have checked the membership of the Chapters and I am advising them upon my visits as to the source of their supply, many Chapters never knew that so much material was available.

During the year I prepared a comparative Financial Statement segregating expenses from saleable supplies for the past 17 years, and supplied a copy to the Chairman of the Special Committee on Finances, also to the Chairman of the Committee on Audit and Finance. It is most interesting to note which expenditures have increased and which have decreased. At the last Convocation I was authorized to allow the reduction of the Per Capita Tax to Chapters who had remitted the dues of Companions in the C.A.S.F. This totalled \$55.00. This amount, however, does not reveal the actual number of Members enlisted, as many are commuted Life Members and many refused to accept the refund. I do find that the call to arms has been answered from every part of the Jurisdiction and many Companions occupy prominent positions in the military forces of our Dominion.

Our Scribes E.

The Constituent Chapter needs the very best business executive to handle its correspondence and give advice, yet I find many Chapters elect a popular member to the office without any consideration as to qualifications. This officer should work with the presiding officer and must thoroughly know the Constitution of Grand Chapter and the By-laws of his own Chapter. The presiding officer is in charge and is responsible but how can he or any organization function if the Scribe is

in a state of coma. Waiting two to three weeks for an answer to a communication is a sample and I say is not good business.

Chapters who have exalted five or more Candidates during the year:—

Palestine Chapter, No. 54, St. Thomas.....	15
Thomas Peters' Chapter, No. 250, Windsor.....	11
St. Johns' Chapter, No. 112, Morrisburg.....	10
Kitchener Chapter, No. 117, Kitchener.....	10
Wawanosh Chapter, No. 15, Sarnia.....	9
The St. Patrick Chapter, No. 145, Toronto.....	8
Northern Lights Chapter, No. 213, Timmins...	7
Alberton Chapter, No. 152, Fort Frances.....	6
The Moira Chapter, No. 7, Belleville.....	5
Blenheim Chapter, No. 239, Blenheim	5
Nilestown Chapter, No. 247, Nilestown.....	5

And the following Chapters are to be congratulated upon their wonderful showing by increasing their membership:—

St. Johns Chapter, No. 112, Morrisburg, an increase of 13, 10 exaltations, 2 Joinings and 7 Restorations.
Kitchener Chapter, No. 117, Kitchener, an increase of 11, 10 Exaltations and 4 Joinings.
Blenheim Chapter, No. 239, Blenheim, an increase of 9, 5 Exaltations, 1 Joining and 4 Restorations.

Conditions are improving and our Membership losses are fast decreasing: These were in 1936, 1,090; 1937, 917; 1938, 789; 1939, 855; 1940, 635.

I trust that in a very short period we will reverse these figures and be showing an annual increase.

During the year (313) Rituals were disposed of and (23) old ones printed previous to 1928, were returned on account of the purchase of the new issue.

304 Constitutions
125 Installation Ceremonies
11 Books of Demits
9 Royal Arch Companions' Jewels

Also it has been a pleasure to prepare the following presentations:—

37 25-Year Past Principals' Jewels
13 50-Year Companions' Jewels

The accompanying statement represents the cash received at the office of the Grand Scribe E.

ANNUAL STATEMENT

Receipts and Ledger Balances

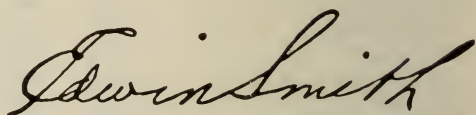
No.	Name of Chapter.	Amount	Special Credits	Debit Balance	Credit Balance
1.	Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui	\$ 122.50	\$ 1.00	\$ 104.00	.....
2.	The Hiram	91.50	.....	.....	.....
3.	St. John's, London	122.75	1.00	144.40	.....
4.	St. Andrew and St. John.....	57.50	.....	7.50	.....
5.	St. George's	95.50	1.00	.....	.....
6.	St. John's, Hamilton	67.50	.....	.....	\$ .15
7.	The Moira	103.50	.....	.....	9.00
8.	King Solomon's	88.10	.....	54.00	.....
15.	Wawanosh	198.80	1.00	.....	.....
16.	Carleton	34.50	.50	.....	.....
18.	Oxford	58.90	1.50	.....	.....
19.	Mount Moriah	133.00	.....	.....	3.00
20.	Mount Horeb	45.50	.....	5.50	.....
22.	Granville	49.00	.....	.....	1.00
23.	Ezra	56.80	.....	1.00	.....
24.	Tecumseh	106.90	2.50	.....	.....
26.	St. Mark's	2.00	2.00	45.50	.....
27.	Manitou	39.00	.....	.....	.....
28.	Pentalpha	136.80	1.00	.....	.....
29.	McCallum	43.65	.....	.50	.....
30.	Huron	64.00	.....	.....	.....
51.	Prince Edward	61.40	.....	.....	.....
32.	Waterloo	63.00	3.50	.....	.....
34.	Signet	62.40	1.00	3.50	.....
35.	Keystone	41.50	.50	.....	.....
36.	Corinthian	117.00	.....	4.80	.....
37.	Victoria	37.20	.....	1.00	.....
40.	Guelph	71.80	.50	.....	.....
41.	Harris	28.50	.....	2.00	.....
44.	Mt. Sinai	38.05	.....	.....	.....
45.	Excelsior	11.50	1.00	.....	.50
46.	St. James	29.00	.....	.....	.....
47.	Wellington	56.95	.....	.....	.....
48.	St. John's, Cobourg	43.50	.....	2.00	.....
53.	Bruce	41.50	.....	.....	.....
54.	Palestine	189.30	.....	.....	.....
55.	Niagara	32.00	1.00	1.00	.....
56.	Georgian .....	.....	.....	19.00	.....
57.	King Hiram	41.00	.....	.....	.....
58.	Pembroke	4.50	.....	.....	.....
59.	Sussex	13.90	.....	74.50	.....
61.	Granite	28.50	.....	.....	.....
62.	York	36.00	.50	.....	.....
63.	Havelock	39.00	.....	.....	.....
64.	Willson	60.00	.50	.....	.....
65.	St. Paul's	125.95	2.00	.....	1.00

No.	Name of Chapter.	Amount	Special Credits	Debit Balance	Credit Balance
66.	The Malloch	24.50	.....	.....	.....
67.	Enterprise	3.00	.....	39.00	.....
68.	Maitland	31.00	.....	27.40	.....
69.	Grimsby .....	.....	1.50	26.50	.....
71.	Prince of Wales	35.50	.....	2.55	.....
72.	Keystone	64.50	.....	33.40	.....
73.	Erie	38.00	.....	.....	.....
74.	Beaver	27.00	.50	.....	.....
75.	St. Clair	37.40	.....	.....	.....
76.	Mount Nebo	2.40	.....	.....	.....
77.	Occident	145.80	.....	.....	.....
78.	Minnewawa	24.00	.....	2.00	.....
79.	Orient	49.15	.....	.....	.....
80.	Ark	71.00	.....	268.70	.....
81.	Aylmer	39.00	1.00	.....	.....
82.	Shuniah	146.30	.....	4.50	.....
83.	Ionic	30.00	.50	31.50	.....
84.	Lebanon	30.10	.....	.....	1.60
86.	Macpherson .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
88.	MacNabb	27.50	.50	.....	.....
90.	Golden	82.00	1.50	.....	.....
91.	Antiquity	50.20	.....	64.70	.....
94.	Midland	102.00	.....	.....	.....
95.	Tuscan	142.45	.....	.....	.....
100.	St. Lawrence	48.50	.50	.....	.....
102.	Algonquin	109.80	.....	.....	.....
103.	St. John's, North Bay	37.50	.....	.....	.....
104.	White Oak	15.00	.....	2.00	.....
110.	Warkworth	30.00	.....	.....	.....
112.	St. John's, Morrisburg.....	74.40	1.50	1.00	.....
113.	Covenant	61.90	.....	.....	.....
114.	Bonnechere	19.00	.....	.....	.....
115.	Brant	60.50	.50	.....	.....
116.	Maple	40.00	.....	.....	.....
117.	Kitchener	116.70	.....	1.00	.....
119.	King Cyrus	93.50	.....	.....	.....
129.	Elliott	27.50	.....	.....	.....
130.	Chantry	21.00	.....	.....	1.00
131.	Amabel	47.90	.....	.....	4.00
132.	Leeds	43.00	1.00	.....	1.00
133.	St. Francis	79.50	.....	.50	.....
134.	King Darius	32.00	.....	.....	.....
135.	Succoth	43.50	.....	.....	.....
138.	Shekinah	42.30	.....	148.40	.....
139.	St. Andrew's, Havelock.....	20.00	.....	.....	2.00
140.	Fort William	91.50	.....	.50	.....
143.	Glengarry	13.00	.....	.....	.....
144.	Presqu' Isle	18.50	.....	.....	.50
145.	The St. Patrick	237.30	.50	.....	.....
146.	Bernard	36.00	1.50	.50	.....
147.	Lucknow	35.50	.....	.....	.....

No.	Name of Chapter.	Amount	Special Credits	Debit Balance	Credit Balance
148.	St. John's, Vankleek Hill....	17.80	.....	.....	.....
149.	Atwood	23.00	.50	.....	.50
150.	London	144.40	1.00	.....	.....
151.	Laurentian	40.00	.....	.....	.....
152.	Alberton	68.80	.....	.....	.....
153.	Sombra	48.50	1.00	43.50	.....
154.	Klondike	30.00	.....	.....	.....
155.	Ancaster	35.00	.50	38.00	.....
161.	Madoc	52.00	.....	.30	.....
163.	The Beaches	116.30	.....	.....	.....
164.	Lorne	30.00	.....	.....	.....
167.	Kichikewana	68.70	.....	117.00	.....
168.	Ionic	54.70	.....	.....	.....
169.	Temiskaming	74.00	.....	2.00	.....
175.	The Hamilton	70.50	2.50	.....	.....
184.	Hugh Murray	28.50	.....	.....	.....
185.	Toronto	155.45	.....	200.00	.....
195.	Peel	37.00	1.00	.....	.....
198.	Couchiching	63.00	.....	.50	.....
203.	Cobalt	33.00	.....	.....	.....
205.	Victoria	38.00	.....	.....	.....
210.	Kitchener .....	.....	.50	14.50	.....
212.	Mt. Sinai	79.50	.....	39.50	.....
213.	Northern Lights	84.60	.....	.....	.....
214.	Vimy	36.00	.....	.....	.....
215.	Mimico	130.90	.....	.....	.....
217.	St. Alban's	64.00	.....	53.90	.....
218.	Prince Edward	17.50	.....	.....	.....
219.	Ulster	64.50	.50	.....	.....
220.	Lebanon	40.25	.50	.....	.....
221.	Durham	25.50	.....	.....	.....
222.	Ottawa	60.65	.....	.35	.....
223.	Abitibi	24.50	.....	.....	.....
224.	Keystone	61.50	1.50	.....	.....
225.	Beaver	3.40	.....	48.65	.....
226.	Prince of Wales	30.50	.....	.....	.....
227.	Quinte Friendship	50.50	.50	.....	.....
230.	Port Credit	7.10	.....	43.00	.....
231.	The St. Clair	111.50	.....	114.80	.....
232.	King Cyrus .....	.....	.....	161.50	.....
233.	Oakwood	39.00	.....	84.50	.....
234.	Halton	42.90	.....	29.50	.....
235.	Aurora	31.15	.....	.50	.....
236.	Caledonia	30.00	.....	.....	.....
238.	The St. Andrew	44.00	.....	.....	.....
239.	Blenheim	86.00	.....	.....	.....
240.	Smithville	17.00	.....	.....	.....
241.	University	46.50	2.50	.....	.....
242.	St. Paul's	1.00	1.50	21.00	.....
243.	McKay	19.50	.....	.....	.....
244.	Cochrane	39.00	.....	.....	.....

No.	Name of Chapter.	Amount	Special Credits	Debit Balance	Credit Balance
245.	Preston	36.40	.....	.....	.....
246.	Humber	42.00	.....	.....	.....
247.	Nilestown	45.50	1.50	.....	3.50
248.	Dochert	21.20	.....	.....	.....
249.	Palestine	33.50	.....	.....	.....
250.	Thomas Peters'	76.30	1.00	1.50	.....
251.	Kirkland	113.00	2.50	.....	.....
252.	Hiawatha	35.50	2.00	2.00	.....
253.	Regal .....	.....	1.00	55.00	.....
		<u>\$ 8,609.75</u>	<u>\$55.00</u>	<u>\$2,195.85</u>	<u>\$28.75</u>
	Grand Chapter of Alberta	32.50	.....	.....	.....
	Grand Chapter of British Columbia	31.20	.....	.....	.....
	Grand Chapter of Manitoba	17.10	.....	.....	.....
	Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan	26.00	.....	.....	.....
	Grand Chapter of Quebec	32.50	.....	.....	.....
	Grand Chapter of New Brunswick	20.80	.....	.....	.....
	Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia....	5.00	.....	.....	.....
	Sundries	2.35	.....	.....	.....
	Interest	4,188.91	.....	.....	.....
	Benevolence	335.22	.....	.....	.....
	Matured Debenture	2,000.00	.....	.....	.....
		<u>\$ 6,691.58</u>			
		<u>\$15,301.33</u>	<u>\$55.00</u>	<u>\$2,195.85</u>	<u>\$28.75</u>

All of which is fraternally submitted.



Grand Scribe E.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. John M. Empey, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, and—

Resolved,—That the Report of the Grand Scribe E. for the year 1940 be received and adopted.

Grand Chapter was "Called Off" at 4.20 p.m.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD

The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood of Ontario Assembled in the Red Room of the Masonic Temple at 4.45 o'clock p.m. to receive, set apart and annoint a class of Installed First Principals, and to conduct their Fourteenth Annual Assembly.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, APRIL 23, 1941
8 o'clock

St. John's Chapter, No. 3, G.R.C., Royal Arch Masons, assembled in the Red Room of the Masonic Temple, London, Ontario, and after their Regular Business presented one hour of Ritualistic Instruction in portions of the M.M.M., M.E.M., and H.R.A. Degree.

The Grand Z. and Distinguished Guests who spoke immediately following the presentations congratulated all who assisted.

THE GROWTH OF ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, R.A.M., No. 3, G.R.C., LONDON, ONT.

St. John's Chapter, No. 3, G.R.C., was one of the three chapters who formed the Grand Chapter of Canada in 1857.

The history of Masonry in the London district dates back for a century, to the time when the pioneers laboured amid the fastness of primeval forests. The pioneers were of necessity vigorous men in whom dwelt the spirit of activity; and it was that spirit which animated an enlightened few to sow the seeds of the ancient Masonic institution in a new land.

The pioneers in Ancient Craft Masonry fully realized that no Master Mason's knowledge is complete without possessing the essential teachings of the Royal Craft. The first Craft Lodge was instituted in London, Canada West, in 1841, and was known as St. John's 209, Irish Register, then on May 12th, 1844, the Supreme Grand Royal Arch of Ireland issued a Royal Arch warrant to St. John's numbered 209 I.R., London, Canada West.

The Grand Chapter of Canada came into existence at Hamilton, on January 20th, 1857. To this meeting St. John's Chapter 209 I.R. sent as delegates Excellent Companions Thomas Francis, Z.; Joseph F. Rolfe, P.Z.; and William

Daniell, H., who was elected to the office of Grand Scribe N. It was at this meeting that St. John's Chapter became known as number three on the Grand Register of Canada. This was a period of Masonic history in Canada when the institution flourished in all its branches.

THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 1941

Grand Chapter was "Called On" at 9.35 o'clock a.m.
All joined in singing "O God, Our Help in Ages Past."

REPORT ON BENEVOLENCE

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions
of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:*

The Committee of Benevolence have considered the applications for relief and recommend that an appropriation be made in the estimates for grants to the following:—

Chapter No.	1—Daughter of A. S.	\$ 100.00
" "	1—Widow of G. McN.	100.00
" "	3—Widow of R. O.	80.00
" "	3—Widow of T. W.	60.00
" "	4—Widow of C. P. E.	60.00
" "	4—Comp. E. D. G.	100.00
" "	5—Widow of J. B.	60.00
" "	5—Widow of W. A. M.	60.00
" "	8—Widow of W. W.	60.00
" "	8—Widow of R. J.	80.00
" "	15—Widow of H. E. D.	60.00
" "	18—Comp. W. H. H.	60.00
" "	26—Comp. A. W.	100.00
" "	32—Comp. Q. W.	60.00
" "	34—Comp. J. S.	80.00
" "	34—Comp. L. O. V.	80.00
" "	34—Widow of A. L. M.	200.00
" "	44—Widow of C. A. M.	100.00
" "	53—Comp. J. E. W.	100.00
" "	53—Daughter of J. S.	60.00
" "	59—Widow of A. E. C.	80.00
" "	72—Widow of P. H. S.	50.00
" "	72—Widow of G. McF.	50.00
" "	76—Widow of R. J. L.	60.00
" "	82—Comp. J. C. W.	100.00
" "	82—Widow of F. O'C.	80.00
" "	91—Widow of R. J. R.	100.00
" "	119—Widow of S. G.	50.00
" "	133—Widow of J. W. G.	100.00
" "	145—Widow of J. A. M.	100.00
" "	145—Widow of H. McL.	80.00

"	"	145—Widow of E. C.	50.00
"	"	145—Widow of R. W.	100.00
"	"	145—Comp. W. J. H.	100.00
"	"	145—Daughter of J. C.	100.00
"	"	219—Widow of A. MacD.	100.00
"	"	163—Widow of L. J. C.	100.00
"	"	195—Widow of D. G. S.	80.00
"	"	231—Widow of J. W.	60.00
Special—Widow of R. H. S.			100.00
Total			\$3,300.00

We also recommend that a further amount of three hundred dollars be provided for interim relief should it be required before the next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter.

Fraternally submitted,

R. B. DARGAVEL,
'GEO. W. SLACK,

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. John M. Empey, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. R. B. Dargavel, and—

Resolved,—That the report of the Committee on Benevolence be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE PRINTING COMMITTEE

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions
of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:*

Your Committee on Printing submit the following analysis of expenditures for the year ending February 28th, 1940:—

Proceedings	\$ 918.90
Books of Demits	30.24
Constitutions	166.32
Dedication Circulars	7.00
Memorial Cards	6.48
Stationery, Printing and Binding	285.31
Forms	171.41
Agendas, Circulars, re Annual Convocation	132.57
	\$1,718.23

We would respectfully request that the following amounts be placed at the disposal of the Committee:

Proceedings	\$ 750.00
Printing, Stationery and Binding	500.00
Dedication Ceremonies	75.00
Forms—Commutation Receipts, Dispensations	125.00
	\$1,450.00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. H. SHEPPARD, Chairman.
EDWIN SMITH.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. John M. Empey, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Chas. Sheppard, and—

Resolved,—That the report of the Executive Committee on Printing be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON INVESTMENTS

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., and the Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

Your Committee on Investments report that the National Trust Company, Limited, Guaranteed Trust Certificate for \$2,000.00, matured this year and that \$480.00, of the amount was used to purchase a War Savings Certificate which will in 7½ years have a face value of \$600.00. This is all of this class of investment that may be purchased during any one year.

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS AS AT FEBRUARY 28th, 1941

	Cost	Par Value
City of Hamilton Debenture, interest 5%, payable half-yearly, May 1st and November 1st; due May 1st, 1949. (Registered as to principal).....	\$ 4,001.20	\$ 4,000.00
Market Value \$4,440.00.		
Dominion of Canada Conversion Loan Bonds, Interest 4½ %, payable half-yearly, May 1st and November 1st; due November 1st, 1958. (Fully Registered)	3,135.00	3,000.00
Market Value \$3,270.00.		
Dominion of Canada Conversion Loan Bonds, Interest 4½ %, payable half-yearly, May 1st and November 1st; due November 1st, 1959. (Fully Registered)	73,237.50	72,000.00
Market Value \$79,200.00.		

Dominion of Canada National Loan, Interest 5%, payable half-yearly, May 15th and November 15th; due 1941. (Fully Registered).....	1,980.00	2,000.00
Market Value \$2,045.00.		
Dominion of Canada 4½% Bonds, Interest payable half-yearly, May 1st and November 1st; due 1958. (Principal Registered)	2,919.00	3,000.00
Market Value \$3,270.00.		
Canadian National Railway Bonds, Interest 5%, payable half-yearly, February 1st and August 1st; due 1954. (Principal Registered).....	2,518.75	2,500.00
Market Value \$2,925.00.		
The Ontario Loan & Debenture Co., Interest 3½%, payable half-yearly, June 1st and December 1st; due 1941. (Principal Registered)	2,500.00	2,500.00
Market Value \$2,500.00.		
The Ontario Loan & Debenture Co., Interest 3½%, payable half-yearly, June 15th and December 15th; due 1942. (Principal Registered).....	2,500.00	2,500.00
Market Value \$2,500.00.		
War Savings Certificates	480.00	600.00
Market Value \$ 480.00.		

	<u>\$93,271.45</u>	<u>\$92,100.00</u>
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Total Market Value \$100,630.00.

(Signed) E. J. CARTER, C.A., Auditor.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

O. ELLWOOD, Chairman.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. John M. Empey, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, and—

Resolved,—That the Statement of the Chairman on Investments for the year 1940 be received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Your Committee on Education submit the following Financial Statement:

Printing and distributing three issues of eighteen thousand each, of the Royal Arch Banner—November, December and February	\$270.83
Securing Electros and Printing Circulars	36.92
	<u>\$307.75</u>

During the year there was sold circulars to the value of \$5.00. By issuing the Christmas Greetings with the December issue, \$50.00 should be credited to the Educational Committee. Also by the information re Grand Chapter with the February issue, \$16.75 should be credited. These total \$71.75, thus the additional cost of the Royal Arch Banner and Circulars with these credits is \$236.00.

If it is the wish of Grand Chapter that the Royal Arch Banner continues to be published, an amount of \$400.00 should be placed in the Estimates. This will permit four issues and provide for additional circulars requested.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. EVANS, Chairman.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. John M. Empey, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, and—

Resolved,—That the report of the Committee on Education be received and adopted.

RE INVESTMENTS

It was brought to the attention of Grand Chapter by R. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden, that our investments have an increased market value of several thousand dollars which should be taken into consideration by the Investment Committee. He then moves, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. John M. Empey, and—

Resolved,—"That the Committee on Investments be instructed to make a study of the invested assets of Grand Chapter, and if in the opinion of this Committee, action be taken in the best interests of Grand Chapter to exchange these assets for other Dominion Government securities."

SCRUTINEERS OBLIGATED

At the request of the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Most Ex. Comp. Wm. Y. Mills, administered the Obligation of Secrecy of the Ballot to the Scrutineers, after which they retired to assume their duties.

RE NOTICE OF MOTIONS

The Most Excellent the Grand First Principal announced that all notices re amendments to the Constitution as submitted on the printed Agenda and forwarded to the Constituent Chapters, had been withdrawn.

COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

Moved by R. Ex. Comp. John M. Empey, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden, and—

Resolved,—"That M. Ex. Comp. R. B. Dargavel be re-elected a member of the Committee on Benevolence for a period of three years."

The following Companions comprise the Committee on Benevolence and are members of the Executive Committee of Grand Chapter for their respective terms:—

R. Ex. Comp. John J. Gardiner, retires in 1942.
R. Ex. Comp. George W. Slack, retires in 1943.
M. Ex. Comp. R. B. Dargavel, retires in 1944.

GRAND Z'S TESTIMONIAL

Moved by R. Ex. Comp. John M. Empey, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Wm. C. Johnston, and—

Resolved,—"That a committee consisting of the Grand H.-elect, the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Scribe E. be appointed to arrange a testimonial for the retiring Grand Z., Most Ex. Comp. Llewellyn F. Stephens."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AUDIT
AND FINANCE

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions
of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:*

M.E. Sir and Excellent Companions:—

Your Committee on Audit and Finance respectfully submits its report for the year ending February 28th, 1941.

As an appendix to this report will be found a copy of the several statements prepared by Messrs. Sharp, Milne and Company, Chartered Accountants, Auditors for Grand Chapter; showing in detail the receipts and expenses for the year ending February 28th, 1941.

Briefly summarized these statements show—

Balance on hand March 1, 1940, (including bonds).....	\$ 98,497.48
Receipts March 1, 1940, to February 28, 1941.....	13,301.33
	\$111,798.81
Expenses March 1, 1940, to February 28, 1941.....	14,943.66
Balance on hand February 28, 1941, (including bonds)	\$ 96,855.15

Once again your Committee draws to your attention the fact that several constituent chapters are indebted to this Grand body.

Last year there was a total indebtedness of \$2,539.45, of which \$1,221.00 was owed by eight Chapters.

This year the total indebtedness is \$2,195.85, of which \$1,114.40 is owed by seven Chapters.

COMPANIONS, OUR COUNTRY IS AT WAR!!!

Our Companions under the jurisdiction of the Mother Grand Chapter of England are being called upon to give their all to preserve such institutions as this; they are being subjected night and day, week in and week out, month in and month out to the most gruelling test of nerves and agony of mind ever known in the history of man.

They have shown, and are showing, their willingness to suffer inconvenience, privation, loss of homes and even death, that we, and those who come after us, may escape the curse of the Gestapo, the complete eradication of all that is decent in life and the total destruction of that greatest of all institutions, the Church. And what are we doing?

We are meeting together in safety; we are enjoying ourselves as we have always enjoyed ourselves; we are voting a number of small sums of money to the widows of some of our deceased Companions as we did last year; we are setting aside various sums of money for the carrying on of this institution as we always do; briefly **we are carrying on as usual!**

Your Committee notes with satisfaction that, upon the recommendation of the Committee on Investments, the sum of \$480.00 was spent on the purchase of war savings certificates; but Companions, what does all of this mean to us, either individually or collectively? **Absolutely nothing; it has not, and will not, cost any one of us one single solitary copper cent!**

Are we going to be satisfied to go on **doing nothing?** God forbid!

Your Committee therefore recommends that a concerted effort be made, to get behind the appeal recently made by the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, to give as much as possible to this most worthy cause.

Let it never be said that in this great crisis, while all kinds of organizations, large and small, and while all kinds of people, rich and poor, from the Atlantic to the Pacific did their bit, the Companions under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada SAT IDLY BY.

Your Committee desires to pay tribute to the splendid leadership given by the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., during the whole of his term of office and wishes to express its thanks to the Grand Scribe E. for his willingness at all times to co-operate in the work of this Committee.

Finally we submit for your approval the following estimate of expenditures for the year ending February 28th, 1942.

Benevolence Grants	\$ 3,600.00
Inspection Expenses	50.00
Salary Grand Scribe E.	3,600.00
G.S.E. Office Assistance	840.00
Honorarium Grand Treasurer	250.00
Fee for Audit Reports	200.00
Foreign Correspondence	300.00
Office Rent, Telephone, etc.	750.00
Bond Premiums and Insurance	13.90
Printing Grand Chapter Proceedings	750.00
General Printing	700.00
Incidentals, G.S.E. Office	150.00
G.S.E. Travelling Expenses	250.00
Expenses re Dedications of Chapters	200.00
Expenses Grand Z.	700.00
Educational Expenses	400.00
Grand Chapter Convocation Expenses	1,000.00
Flowers for the sick and deceased	50.00
Executive Committee Expenses	818.75
Jewels and Engraving	250.00
Regalia for I.P.G.Z.'s	175.00
Honorarium for I.P.G.Z.	350.00
Total	\$15,397.65

APPENDIX

CASH RECEIPTS

The Cash Receipts of Grand Chapter for the year ended February 29th, 1940, and February 28th, 1941, are as follows:—

From—	For Year Ended		Increase or Decrease
	Feb. 28, 1941	Feb. 20, 1940	
Certificates	\$ 287.00	\$ 258.00	\$ 29.00 I.
Dues	7,585.60	8,150.75	565.15 D.
Fees	283.00	256.00	27.00 I.
Dispensations and Warrants.....	91.00	96.00	5.00 D.
Constitutions	93.00	104.80	11.80 D.
Sundries:			
Rituals	383.60	464.70	81.10 D.
Ceremonies	19.50	47.40	27.90 D.
Demit's	12.00	2.00	10.00 I.
Companions' Jewels	15.00	80.00	65.00 D.
Book Marks	2.50	2.50	.....
Educational	5.00	.....	5.00 I.
Benevolence—Refund	335.22	.....	335.22 I.
	<u>\$ 9,112.42</u>	<u>\$ 9,462.15</u>	<u>\$349.73 D.</u>
Interest on Investments and Bank			
Balances	4,188.91	4,187.48	1.43 I.
	<u>\$13,301.33</u>	<u>\$13,649.63</u>	<u>\$348.30 D.</u>

Outstanding balances due from Chapters total \$2,195.85 and in comparison with the total as at February 29th, 1940, which amounted to \$2,539.45, shows a decrease of \$343.60.

EXPENSES

The expenses of Grand Chapter are shown below as compared with those of the previous period:

	For Year Ended	
	Feb. 28th, 1941	Feb. 29th, 1940
Salaries	\$ 4,690.00	\$ 4,630.00
Foreign Correspondence Report	300.00	300.00
Office Rent, Telephone, etc.	823.88	736.82
Premium on Guarantee Bond and Insurance	13.90	14.20
Grand Chapter Convocation Expenses	1,191.18	1,259.36
Convocation Expenses of Executive Committee	623.90	1,032.50
Grand H. Expenses, 1939 .....	.....	48.10
Grand H. Expenses, 1940	67.77	47.23
Grand J. Expenses, 1939 .....	.....	18.87
Grand J. Expenses, 1940	55.56	1.30
I.P.G.Z. Expenses .....	.....	75.00
Proceedings	918.90	1,266.38
Constitutions	166.32	.....
Ceremonies .....	.....	66.42
Demits	30.24	.....
General Printing and Stationery	463.20	562.40
Rituals .....	.....	1,077.84
Audit and Financial Reports	200.00	200.00
Flowers and Wreaths	39.50	37.40
Grand Scribe E.—Incidentals	155.40	178.99
Grand Scribe E.—Travelling	298.83	132.89
Regalia and Repairs, Jewels and Engraving	370.03	179.57
Honorarium to I.P.G.Z. ....	.....	350.00
Grand Z. Expenses	583.81	635.87
Educational	307.75	113.20
Dedication and Special Travelling	149.25	383.97
Publicity .....	.....	25.00
Interest—Bank Overdraft	49.24	16.04
	<u>\$11,498.66</u>	<u>\$13,389.35</u>
To which add:		
Benevolence	3,445.00	3,110.00
	<u>\$14,943.66</u>	<u>\$16,499.35</u>

Expenditures exclusive of Benevolence amounted to \$11,498.66 as compared with \$13,389.35 for the previous year, a reduction of \$1,890.69.

The capital of Grand Chapter has decreased during the year by \$1,642.33 as shown below:—

Total Receipts including Interest	\$13,301.33
Payments	14,943.66
	<u>→ \$ 1,642.33</u>

The effect of this decrease is shown by:

Cash in Bank and on Hand February 28th, 1941....	\$ 3,583.70
Cash in Bank and on Hand March 1st, 1940.....	3,706.03
	\$ 122.33
Reduction of Investments	1,520.00
	\$ 1,642.33

INVESTMENTS

I have inspected the Investments and found them to be in order. Securities are lodged with the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Queen Street Branch, Toronto, Ontario, in safety deposit box No. 101.

A detailed schedule of the Investments will be found attached hereto.

All interest due on Investments and Bank Balances has been received and deposited in the Bank. This income for the year ended February 28th, 1941, amounted to \$4,188.91 as compared with \$4,187.48 for the year ended February 29th, 1940, an increase of \$1.43.

Satisfactory vouchers properly approved have been seen covering all disbursements.

Every courtesy has been extended to me during the course of my audit and I have much pleasure in reporting that the books and accounts of Grand Chapter have been excellently kept by Grand Scribe E. and the Grand Treasurer.

SUMMARY CASH ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS

Cash in Bank and on Hand, March 1st, 1940:—

Current Account	\$ 394.17
Savings Account	3,301.75
In hands of Grand Scribe E.	10.11
	\$ 3,706.03

Receipts deposited in Canadian Bank of Commerce:—

Dues	\$7,585.60
Certificates	\$ 287.00
Fees	283.00
Dispensations and Warrants.....	91.00
	\$ 661.00

Interest Received on Investments and Bank Balances...\$4,188.91

Educational 5.00

Benevolence—Refund 335.22

\$4,529.13

\$12,775.73

Saleable Supplies:—

Constitutions	\$ 93.00	
Rituals	383.60	
Ceremonies	19.50	
Demits	12.00	
Companions' Jewels	15.00	
Book Mark	2.50	
	<u>\$ 525.60</u>	
		<u>\$13,301.33</u>

Investment—Matured:—

National Trust Company, Limited	2,000.00	
		<u>\$19,007.36</u>

PAYMENTS

Salaries	\$4,690.00	
Foreign Correspondence Report to February 29th, 1940	300.00	
Audit and Financial Report to February 29th, 1940	200.00	
	<u>\$ 5,190.00</u>	
Grand Z. Expenses	\$ 583.81	
Grand H. Expenses	67.77	
Grand J. Expenses	55.56	
Dedication and Special Travelling	149.25	
	<u>856.39</u>	
Grand Chapter Convocation (Hamilton)	\$1,191.18	
Grand Chapter Executive (Hamilton)	623.90	
	<u>1,815.08</u>	
Office Rent, Telephone and Expense	\$ 823.88	
Guarantee Bond and Fire Insurance	13.90	
General Printing and Stationery	463.20	
Flowers and Wreaths	39.50	
Grand Scribe E.—Office Expense	155.40	
Grand Scribe E.—Travelling	298.83	
	<u>1,794.71</u>	
Proceedings	\$ 918.90	
Educational	307.75	
Regalia Repairs, Jewels and Engraving	370.03	
	<u>1,596.68</u>	
Interest on Bank Overdraft	49.24	
Benevolence	\$3,395.00	
Benevolence—Inspection	50.00	
	<u>3,445.00</u>	
Saleable Supplies:—		
Constitutions	\$ 166.32	
Demits	30.24	
	<u>196.56</u>	
		<u>\$14,943.66</u>
Investments—Purchase—		
\$600.00 War Savings Certificates	480.00	

Cash in Bank and on Hand—February 28th, 1941:—

Current Account	\$ 549.08
Savings Account	3,004.91
In hands of Grand Scribe E.	29.71
	3,583.70
	\$19,007.36

I have audited the books and vouchers of Grand Chapter for the year ended February 28th, 1941, and found them to be in order and I certify that the above is a correct summary of the Accounts.

I also certify that I have inspected and found in order the investments of Grand Chapter the cost of same being \$93,271.45 and the par value \$92,100.00.

(Signed) E. J. CARTER, C.A.,
Sharp, Milne & Co.,
Chartered Accountants.

Toronto, Ontario, March 20th, 1941.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

NEIL A. MACEACHERN,
W. A. PORTEOUS,
H. S. ROOD,
JOHN OSWALD,
FRED. G. SMITH, Chairman.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. John M. Empey, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Fred. Smith, and—

Resolved,—That the Report of the Executive Committee on Audit and Finance be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Excellent Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

"There is no flock, however watched and tended,
But one dead lamb is there!
There is no fireside, howsoe'er defended,
But has one vacant chair!"

The Great Architect of the Universe, the Good Shepherd, the Lord of all mankind, has come into many of our Masonic homes during the past year and has taken from us many of our very dear and much beloved companions. We believe that they are not dead but live on in the Master's Home above. We breathe a sigh, we drop a sympathetic tear, we feel our loneliness, we "long for the touch of a vanished hand", yet we do not wish them back, since we realize "how very fair it needs must be, since they linger there."

Our beloved companions have lived their lives, have finished their tasks and now rest from their labours and their works do follow them. They have left a legacy of fragrant memories, of high purpose, of sweet fellowship, of splendid endeavour, of disinterested service and devotion to the principles of right, truth and justice.

True service is the measure of greatness.

Their passing has left many lonely hearts to mourn for them—their wives, their families, their friends, their brethren and their companions. We, who remain, must be mindful of the widow, the mother, the sister and the child and we must take up the torch thrown to us and carry to fruition the tasks they have begun.

"There is no death! What seems so is transition:
This life of mortal breath
Is but a suburb of the life elysian,
Whose portal we call death."

MOST. EX. COMP. ALEX COWAN

On January 16th, 1941 the Grand Chapter suffered a severe loss in the death of Most Ex. Comp. Alexander Cowan, who resided at Barrie, Ontario.

Most Ex. Comp. Cowan was born on March 16th, 1867 at "Mollinburn Farm", Innisfill Township and it was here that

he obtained his public school education and later attended Barrie Collegiate Institute. He graduated from Osgoode Hall, 1893. He then practiced law in Barrie for more than 47 years and graced the legal profession.

Most Ex. Comp. Cowan had a most distinguished career in Masonry and had occupied important offices in practically every branch of the order. At the time of his death he was the oldest living Past Master of Corinthian Lodge No. 96 of Barrie. In 1903 he was District Deputy Grand Master for Georgian District and after serving many years as a member of the Board of General Purposes of the Grand Lodge of Canada was elected an honorary life member in July, 1933.

Our late Most Ex. Comp. became a member of Signet Chapter No. 34, Royal Arch Masons of Canada on January 12th, 1897 and served as First Principal of that chapter in 1901, 1908, 1919 and 1920. He was Grand Superintendent of Georgian District No. 9 in 1909 and was elected Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in 1934. His very valued service in this high office is well known to most of you here assembled. Since 1935 he has been a member of the Executive Committee, where his advice and guidance have been appreciated.

MOST EX. COMP. ARTHUR STERLING GORRELL

This Grand Jurisdiction was bereaved on June 3rd, 1940 when our late Most Ex. Comp. Arthur Sterling Gorrell died at his home in Regina after a long illness. Most Ex. Comp. Gorrell led a life of unusual activity and usefulness in the service of his country, community, *fellow men* and especially *Free Masonry*, in whose principles he was a devoted believer.

He was born at Farran's Point in the County of Stormont, Ontario, on November 18th, 1869. In 1872 his parents moved to Brockville, Ontario, where he received his primary and secondary school education. In 1891 he received his degree in medicine from McGill University. He practiced his profession at Newboro in the County of Leeds for a year before removing to Ashton in the County of Carleton. It was here that he spent the next thirteen years of his life before disposing of his practice and studying in London, Vienna, Heidelberg and Paris. On his return to Canada he practiced in the city of Regina, where he was actively engaged for over thirty years.

Our late Most Ex. Comp. became a member of St. Johns'

Lodge No. 63, Carleton Place, Ontario on May 9th, 1894. He presided over this lodge as Wor. Master in 1899.

He was District Deputy Grand Master of Ottawa District in 1905. Upon his taking up residence in Regina he affiliated with North West Mounted Police Lodge No. 11 and became Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan in June of 1912.

In Capitular Masonry his career was equally prominent. He became a member of Maple Chapter No. 116 of Carleton Place in 1893 and four years later was First Principal of this Chapter. He was Grand Superintendent of the Ottawa District in 1906. In the year 1917 and 1918 he was Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada. He was also Past Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan. Since 1919 he has been a member of the Grand Executive.

Klondike Chapter No. 154 of Dawson, Yukon suffered two severe losses by death in the past year.

R. Ex. Comp. James Langlois Bell, who was No. 1 on the roll of this chapter died in Victoria, B. C. on October 26th, 1940.

His mother chapter was Stadacona Chapter No. 2 in the Grand Jurisdiction of Quebec and in this same jurisdiction he was a past Grand Superintendent.

It is of interest to note that at an Emergent Convocation of Klondike Chapter held in Dawson on June 8th, 1906, R. Ex. Comp. Bell was presented with a Past Grand Superintendent's jewel, the same having been made in Dawson from native gold, as a mark of appreciation by the Companions for his valued services and untiring zeal in the work of organizing Klondike Chapter.

Klondike Chapter also lost another of its valued members in the person of R. Ex. Comp. Samuel McCormick, who was one of the pioneers of the trail of '98.

R. Ex. Comp. McCormick was exalted in Klondike Chapter in 1928 and became its Ex. First Principal in 1932. In the years 1936 and 1937 he served as Grand Superintendent.

Death is the past where all
may refuge find,
The end of labor, entry into rest.



In Memoriam



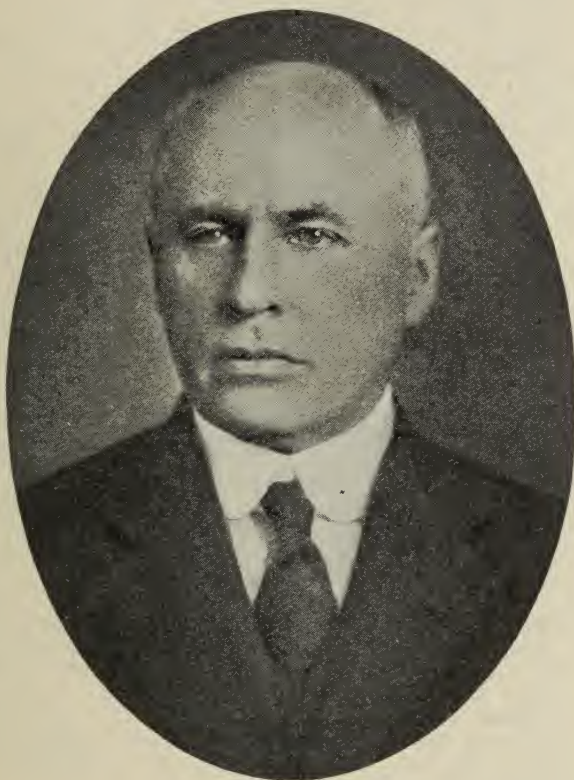
MOST EXCELLENT COMP. ARTHUR STIRLING GORRELL, M.D.
Regina, Saskatchewan

Grand First Principal Z.
1917-1918

Born
November 18th, 1869

Died
June 3rd, 1940

In Memoriam



MOST EXCELLENT COMPANION ALEXANDER COWAN
Barrie, Ontario

Grand First Principal Z.
1934

Born
March 16th, 1867

Died
January 16th, 1941

Chapter.

DEATHS

- No. 1. Robert Crawford, Joseph John Baker, Lawrence Sleeth, David Alexander Shaw, John Melville Hyland.
- No. 2. Eathern March Allen, Joseph McLean Wallace, Arthur E. Harris, Alfred W. Peens, James Hargreaves, James H. Martin, James A. Crawford, Harris R. Cook, Wm. Caldwell Park, Robt. Feggarrs, Roy Glen Matheson, Chas. B. Webber, Alex. O. McLaughlin.
- No. 3. Geo. Winterbottom, A. L. Green, E. R. C. Struthers, J. N. McLeod, Chas. F. Benson.
- No. 4. Robert W. Clewlo, H. O. H. Horwood, Walter G. Kennedy, John F. Tilley.
- No. 5. Robt. D. A. Hillier, William Ralph Reid, Emery B. Hamilton, William Francis Bell, William Brodison, Thos. Benson McKim.
- No. 6. T. H. Yapp, Dr. J. E. W. Anderson, R. McManus.
- No. 7. Oscar R. Thomson, B. S. W. Finkle, James E. Walmsley, Herbert A. Fish, Hugh Howey, John A. Walker.
- No. 8. Robt. T. Johnston, Angus Gordon, George McLeish.
- No. 15. Robert James Weafer, Mark Ellis, Herman C. Seitman.
- No. 16. James Stanley Virtue, Thomas Grand Hill, Walter John Donally, William Henry Sproule, Peter Ernest Pallister, Robert Bennet Davidson, Samuel Maynard Rogers.
- No. 18. Ernest E. Dougall.
- No. 19. Edmund I. Lorenzen, Aubrey Emmett, Alexander W. Marquis, Frank Sifton, William H. Collinson.
- No. 20. John H. Spence, William Herbert MacDonald.
- No. 22. Arnold Baker, F. E. McMillan.
- No. 23. Leonard Brady, Julian Boyd, Roy Wallace, Leslie Aikens, Arthur Anderson, Percy Kendall.
- No. 24. Edward Paff, Dr. J. A. Beatty, Charles V. Lloyd, Jacob Heppler, Thomas J. Kyle, D. Vine McPherson.
- No. 26. Bruce W. Powers, George F. Little.
- No. 27. Walter Frederick Cameron, Andrew N. Walker, Gordon J. A. Kennedy, Donald McKay, Donald A. Kennedy.
- No. 28. Thomas Erling Kaiser, William J. Trick, Hugh Alex. Ross, John Gibson, Job Taylor Lethbridge.
- No. 29. Roland S. Wismer, A. L. McMurty.
- No. 30. Charles A. Robertson, Hugh S. Davidson, Walter S. Turnbull.
- No. 31. George Haylock, Samuel Brisbin, W. S. Blakely, Wilfred Haight, John Mitchell.
- No. 32. Samuel J. Ryerson.
- No. 34. John W. Merrier, R. A. Stephens, Fred. Otton, Leslie J. Williams, J. C. Irwin, Leonard J. Simpson, J. F. Mann, Peter T. Clarke.
- No. 35. John J. Lynde, Richard N. Bassett, George A. Johnson.
- No. 36. W. A. Logan, Robert G. Allan, Judge Ruddy, Roland Denne, Walter Stocker.
- No. 37. M. Frank Wilson, Vincent B. Coleman, Thomas Westlick, Lewis Gordon Bennett.
- No. 40. Henry Ewart Corley, George Edward Black.
- No. 41. Joseph Paterson, Earl Brown, L. H. Thompson, Orville. E. Robinson, R. B. Hutt, Chas. W. Riley, J. O. Otterbein.
- No. 44. John George Fennell, Chas. A. Millener, Frank C. Gerow.

- No. 46. William M. Middleton.
No. 47. M. M. Maxwell, Oscar Campbell, Chas. E. Clements, George F. Higley, Frank Barclay.
No. 48. Humphrey T Skitch.
No. 54. Henry V. Luninerl, George Benedict, George M. McCarthy, Mathew Henry Penhale, William Veitch McDonald, Thomas William Cornish, John C. Lamont, Charles E. Raven, William George Robins, Albert E. Tanner, Burton J. Cook, John Wallace, John T. Webster.
No. 55. Jas. Frederick Rigg.
No. 56. Peter McKay, Wm J. Foster, Jas. H. Newton.
No. 59. Omer Brown, Harris Day McDougall, Frank Peter West, Frederick McLennan.
No. 62. H. T. Routley, J. B. McLean, George McLeish.
No. 63. George Whitehead.
No. 64. John C. Diffin, John Goodwin.
No. 65. John C. Wedd, John Cotton Maynard, John A. McAndrew. Herbert Scott Park, F. J. Sparling, Gilbert Saunders Percy, Fred. Killer.
No. 66. George Hills.
No. 68. Harris McDougall, George Chapman, Melvin O. Trickey.
No. 69. Robert E. Hunter.
No. 71. Arthur W. Marsh, Ern, Lorne Shillington.
No. 74. Robert F. Richardson.
No. 75. Duncan Campbell.
No. 76. Chas. H. Stringer, Neil H. Keller.
No. 77. Richard Bell, Wm. Gilbert Self, James Rae, Robert Long, John Davis Webb, John Calvert, John George McConkey, H. G. O'dell, Geo. Edgar Montgomery.
No. 78. Wm. J. Brander, Wm. Macladery.
No. 79. James Henry McMurray, Thos. S. L. Purchase, Emery Herbert Briggs, Malcolm Fyfe Wood, Albert B. Crosby.
No. 80. Robert H. Revell, Tristram Broadley, Herbert Cox, Robert J. Lowry.
No. 81. Ernest W. McNiece, Clinton Young, J. Frank Pinneo.
No. 82. James Burden, David Cox, A. E. Vigers, Peter J. Vicks.
No. 83. David B. Brown.
No. 84. Roland R. Armstrong, Garner Nicholson.
No. 88. William J. Foster.
No. 90. Albert Johnson, Robert P. Murphy, Robert Mack, John Hutchinson, Thomas Ward.
No. 91. Frederick Barker, Wm. L. Rose, Wm. F. Bowerman, Edwin Overholt, Walter Tarrant, Jas. Davies, Wm. J. Armstrong.
No. 94. Sid. Johnston, John G Wenman.
No. 95. Gordon Yull.
No. 100. Stanley Edgar Morton, Albert Gallagher, Sterling Bell, Thomas Cumbers.
No. 102. T. W. Elliott, Alex. MacIntyre, Jos. Noble.
No. 103. Edward David Jessup, Sylvannus Weegar.
No. 104. William Hardy Morden, William Alexander Chisholm
No. 110. William B. Hawkey.
No. 112. Arthur Henry Caselman, R. H. Ashton.
No. 113. James H. Shaver, Fred. Warren.
No. 114. Walter Stitt.

- No. 116. Alfred Simpson, Arthur S. Gorrell, John James McGregor, William J. Rothwell, William J. Muirhead.
- No. 117. John Wesley Hagey, Michael H. Phillips.
- No. 119. William Wallace, Walter H. Willson, Dempster Wales.
- No. 133. Thomas Morrison, Andrew Ross.
- No. 135. Victor Samuel Cain, James F. Brownscombe.
- No. 138. John R. Kinrade, John E. Wetherill.
- No. 140. James Carson, Ole Larson, J. A. Bergstrom.
- No. 145. Aubrey A. Bond, George Barnes, Wm. Cartledge, W. J. Keyes, W. J. Merchant, J. B. Miller, Wm. Magladery, Art. H. O'Neill, Cecil Price, Cornelius Smith, John F. Tilley, G. B. Van Blaricom, J. E. Webb.
- No. 146. J. E. Delmage.
- No. 147. Harold Mark Parker.
- No. 148. F. J. Stevenson.
- No. 149. Hugh Carson.
- No. 150. J. H. C. Woodward, A. G. Stephens, Ed. Struthers.
- No. 152. Albert Edward Isherwood, Fletcher Hasey Huffman.
- No. 153. E. Wilfred Shaw, Harry E. Taylor, Truman M. Irwin.
- No. 154. George William McLennan, Samuel McCormick, James Langlois Bell.
- No. 161. Harold Johnston, Frank Gillespie, Clarence Fuller.
- No. 164. John Harvey Mumford.
- No. 167. Fred. Burke, William Andrew, Newton Kirby Wagg, Joshua Dyon.
- No. 169. Art. L. Throop. Hiram Proctor, Hugh Boyle, W. A. Ferguson, Arthur Clarke, Walter W. Turner.
- No. 175. Charles John Layland, Alfred W. Peens, William Henry Hewlett.
- No. 184. George Jackson.
- No. 185. Raymond E. Wakefield, George McLeish, James Sproul, George E. May.
- No. 195. William Dale.
- No. 198. John W. Taylor, Wm. C. Moore, John Campbell Smith, Stephen R. W. Poynter, Allan T. Caldwell, Walter H. Brown.
- No. 205. James Bryson McLean.
- No. 210. A. Russell Sparks.
- No. 213. Alexander Gillies.
- No. 214. Colin Campbell McNaughton.
- No. 215. Wm. Ernest Hastings, John Armstrong, Wm. J. Terry, Gordon Brown.
- No. 217. James Henry Richardson, Charles H. Chapman, George C. McIntyre.
- No. 219. Harry R. Boal.
- No. 220. William H. Fielding.
- No. 222. John Harold Putman, Percy Harvey.
- No. 224. John G. Weldon, Walter G. Marriot.
- No. 225. E. R. Wood, Malcolm F. Wood, W. E. Brimblecombe.
- No. 226. Henry A. Dunne.
- No. 227. Louis Renouf, Wm. I. Cole.
- No. 230. Johnson J. Foy.
- No. 231. William Brown, Hugh Thomas Bentley, A. Art. Gray, Gordon Osler Henderson, Ernest Julius Wolfram.
- No. 232. George Ernest Maynard.

- No. 233. Alfred A. Cole.
- No. 234. Sam. H. McGibbon.
- No. 235. George Earl Underhill.
- No. 242. Fred. T. McNab.
- No. 246. William John Armstrong.
- No. 247. William Wilkinson.
- No. 249. Clarence Thomas Ross.
- No. 250. Alexander McWilliams.
- No. 251. Archibald Stonier, Hugh McDonald.
- No. 253. Richmond John Penhall.

SISTER JURISDICTIONS IN CANADA AND NEW ZEALAND

British Columbia—Thomas B. Goodall, Grand H., 1940.
 Henry Giegerich, Grand Z., 1927.
 New Zealand—David Duncan, First Grand Principal Z.

JURISDICTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

California—Ray Ralph Woodward, P.G.H.P., 1932.
 Delaware—John L. Clark, P.G.H.P., 1890. Alexander J. Taylor, P.G.H.P., 1914. Harry W. Lowe, P.G.H.P., 1906. Alfred M. Clower, P.G.H.P., 1908.
 Florida—Frank B. Stoneman, P.G.H.P., 1912.
 Georgia—J. F. Bell, P.G.H.P., 1916. F. A. Johnson, P.G.H.P., 1936.
 Illinois—George William Warvelle, P.G.H.P. Sylvester Omer Spring, P.G.H.P., 1888-1893.
 Indiana—Robert Mitchell Hollingsworth Britton, P.G.H.P., 1908.
 Iowa—Lucien J. Clarke, Past Grand Treasurer, 1922-1937.
 Kentucky—Virgil Pendleton Smith, P.G.H.P., 1926.
 Maine—Oren W. Ripley, P.G.H.P., 1897. Franklin R. Redlon, P.G.H.P., 1909. Ernest Jordan Record, Past Grand Scribe, 1925.
 Maryland—Louis Dorsey Gassaway, P.G.H.P.
 Mississippi—Joseph Robert Feazell, P.G.H.P.
 Michigan—Martin Earll Brackett, P.G.H.P., 1908. Charles Arthur Conover, P.G.H.P.
 Montana—John W. Agnew, Past Grand Principal Sojourner. J. Benton Leggat, P.G.H.P., 1906-1907.
 Nebraska—Harry S. Villars, P.G.H.P., 1928-1929.
 Nevada—Carlos Fayette Dodge, Sr., P.G.H.P.
 New Jersey—William H. Sebring, P.G.H.P., 1890-1891.
 New York—Charles C. Hunt, P.G.H.P., 1909.

Oregon—Ernest Paul Rands, P.G.H.P., 1936.

Ohio—William T. S. O'Hara, P.G.H.P., 1909-1910. Gibson
H. Robinson, P.G.H.P., 1894-1895.

Pennsylvania—Thomas McConnell, Jr., Past Grand Treasurer.

South Dakota—Eldon W. Clark, P.G.H.P., 1930.

Texas—Sam Johnson Helm, P.G.H.P., 1923-1924.

Vermont—Archie Sherman Harriman, P.G.H.P. J. Ross
Roberts, P.G.H.P., 1916.

Wyoming—Harry E. Crain, P.G.H.P., 1921.

Washington—Walter James Thompson, P.G.H.P., 1897.
Robert Edgar Sullivan, P.G.H.P., 1919-1920. Frank G. H.
Baker, P.G.H.P., 1916-1917.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

William Tecumseh Sherman O'Hara,
General Grand High Priest 1933-1936.

John Mason Dunlap,
General Grand Master of the First Veil.

Charles Arthur Conover,
General Grand Secretary.

Death! has thy weapon been unsheathed again?
Another neighbor numbering with the slain;
As autumn winds leaves from the trees unyoke,
So young and old must fall before thy stroke.

fraternally submitted,

C. ALEX. SOLLITT, Chairman,
WM. C. JOHNSTON,
B. B. FOSTER,
S. H. B. TONKIN.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. John M. Empey, seconded
by R. Ex. Comp. C. Alex. Sollitt, and—

Resolved,—That the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead be
received.

REPORT ON THE CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions
of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:*

Comment on the condition of Capitular Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction may not be amiss inasmuch as 1940 has been a full year of conscientious service, of sincere endeavor to meet and solve the problems of the present, and to lay plans for the development of the future.

In reviewing the reports of the Grand Superintendents of their respective districts covering the year just closed it is quite obvious that a tremendous amount of enthusiastic work has been done in an effort to maintain an even keel and a straight course, so necessary in these days because of the manifold difficulties of organization, of financial strain, of a world struggling against elements which create war and on the indomitable desire to hasten the day of victory and peace. The traditions of Royal Arch Masons is the tradition of Masonry which points to a higher conception of manhood through that great light, the Volume of the Sacred Law, proclaiming that in vacisitudes we should not despair, in fortune we should not be presumptuous and in the hour of danger to be resolute in the defence of Truth.

Great has been the task, well done, of those ambassadors of goodwill, in that they have accomplished through indefatigable exertion, the welding and cementing together of fraternal feelings and affections, East with West and West with East, so that there remains no dividing line, but that all may be a unit in promoting the moral fabric of a closer unity in that higher sphere of living to which all true Masons strive to attain.

District meetings were held; Divine services attended; interchange of inspections arranged and Chapters of Instruction promoted, but above all this the activity of our Grand First Principal shines forth in bold relief, harmonizing the work of Capitular Masonry with that of Craft Masonry in the wide stretches of our Jurisdiction, even as far as the outlying post of Klondike Chapter in the Yukon Territory. W. C. Brann wrote:—

“The place to take the true measure of a man is not in the darkest places or in the amen corner, not the cornfield, but by his own fireside.”

This truth, our Grand Z. has applied to Royal Arch Masonry in its fullest sense for he has been at the fireside of many chapters, as his report reveals, and where he has appealed to all higher motives, ideals, conceptions and sentiments, in the knowledge that if they do not come forward to strengthen man for the higher discharge of the duties which devolve upon him in the ordinary affairs of life they will be of no account. His organizing ability and good influence will be felt for many years.

“When a bit of sunshine hits ye,
After passing of a cloud,
When a fit of laughter gits ye
And ye’r spine is feelin’ proud
Don’t forget to up and fling it
At a soul that’s feelin’ blue,
For the minit that ye sling it
It’s a boomerang to you.”

The numerical strength of the constituent chapters will be found in the report of the Grand Scribe E., but it is noteworthy to say that many will show an increase in membership, but there is still room for an improvement in the majority and your Committee would urge a continuation of the methods used during the past year to stimulate continued interest in a widening measure.

BENEVOLENCE

It is well known that the funds of Grand Chapter are constantly ministering to the relief of want and sorrow and speaking peace to many troubled spirits but this is only part of the story for many Chapters as well as individual companions give generously of their time and talents to help lift the fallen and assist them over many difficulties.

The splendid work of the Royal Arch Welfare Committee of the Toronto Districts is well to the front again and many mothers and children were transported, at no cost to them or to the societies which sponsor the summer vacation to these needy ones. It is recommended that other Districts would enter upon some similar project and experience the thrill of doing a beneficent work which will be reflected in the future generations.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS

These reports, for the most part, are well written and give a very lucid word picture of existing conditions. It is to be regretted that good material for the Temple is, for the time being, rather scarce and this may account for an apparent indolence on the part of many Royal Arch Masons who do not seem to realize that perseverance and work are essential to the success of any enterprise, be it Masonic or civil; while others fail to grasp the importance of placing in eager hands the work and responsibility which undoubtedly would stimulate interest in chapter activities. Give a Companion something to do and he immediately becomes a co-worker but if left alone interest soon wanes.

The following extracts from reports are typical of general conditions and serve the purpose of giving a closer and more accurate insight into conditions as they exist in the field.

"This Chapter is suffering from lack of attendance but the Companions have now several plans which they expect will assist to bring it back to the high standard of a few years ago, and are arranging two or three visits with out-of-town Chapters."

"This Chapter has suffered for the last two years for the want of candidates but at our meeting . . . we had five applications and soon expect the Chapter to be back where it was fifteen years ago."

"I was delighted with their enthusiastic co-operation and felt that it was bound to be a year of real fraternal visits. This proved to be the case. On every visit I was greeted with a record attendance, excellent degree work and the most cordial reception and hospitality."

"A good fraternal spirit exists in all the Chapters. Each is working for the good of Capitular Masonry, and while the number of applications for exaltation have been small, Royal Arch Masonry in this District continues to fulfil its duty to humanity and democracy."

Praise for the good work of the officers is a general topic and with a continuance of this encouraging condition there seems to be a decided realization that to attain you must have purpose.

FINANCES

A considerable improvement is disclosed in the problem of finance, inasmuch as there is a noticable reduction in the number of members in arrears for dues and the consequent reduction also in the amount of such delinquency to the extent of over \$10,000.00, while the liabilities are approximately but

10% of the assets. It is apparent that greater care is being exercised in administration and that the Treasurers are holding a tighter line on the purse-strings, resulting in a healthier liquid position. Your Committee still feels that there is great room for improvement in some quarters where the average amount owing is over \$20.00 each for those in arrears and in some cases would represent from four to seven years dues.

On many previous occasions it has been pointed out that in some Chapters it would seem that the annual dues are inadequate and again a close analysis reveals the same condition still exists. In one District the average yearly dues is \$2.60 per member and in this same territory the Assets are only about three to one as compared with the Liabilities, while in some districts the comparison is from six to one hundred to one and even more, where the annual charge is more in keeping with the value received. It is noteworthy also that in the district where small dues obtain the amount contributed to benevolence is almost negligible. This may mean that no financial assistance is required or that the individual companion assumes the responsibility and which is a very creditable reflection if the fact remains.

INSTRUCTION AND EDUCATION

Many Grand Superintendents point with pride to the work accomplished by the Committee on Education and the untiring effort of our Grand Lecturer and his associates, in arranging Chapters of Instruction which, it has been admitted, is one of the best media to secure correct interpretation and deportment. There seems however to be a lack of the true understanding of the responsibility of the Examining Board which certifies that the incoming Principals are well skilled and fully familiar with the duties of their respective offices. In some cases there surely must have been a blindness or a desire to shield, for we find some First Principals unable to work the degree. This does not mean that the Chapter is not well managed but it would be that much better if the "Z" was familiar with all of the work and well qualified to instruct the line officers.

It is gratifying to find continued and widening interest in promoting and in attendance to Masonic Divine Service. This has the very desirable effect of not only renewing our faith in the Great Jehovah but evidences the basic principal of

Royal Arch Masonry in a tangible way and which cannot but be impressive to the outer world.

CONCLUSION

Another mile-stone in the history of Capitular Masonry has been reached and in doing so may the experiences assist us in rising to greater levels of usefulness and help us to realize more fully the moral force of our Fraternity, so that each one will wield an influence for good which is durable in a greater measure and a wider field than in the days which have passed.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

FRANK G. MCLEAN, Chairman,
WM. E. GOWLING,
J. HERBERT SAMPSON,
CHAS. O. MADDOCK.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. John M. Empey, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Frank G. McLean, and—

Resolved,—That the report of the Executive Committee on Condition of Capitular Masonry be received and adopted.

THANKS TO CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Moved by R. Ex. Comp. Frank G. McLean, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. A. D. MacIntyre, and—

Resolved,—That this Grand Body tender to the Credential Committee its thanks for the capable manner in which the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and members of the Committee discharged the duties allotted to them.

THANKS TO THE COMPANIONS OF THE CITY OF LONDON

Moved by M. Ex. Comp. Wm. Y. Mills, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Howard Hawley, and—

Resolved,—That the thanks of the Grand Chapter of Canada be tendered to the Companions of the City of London and District, for the splendid manner in which the arrangements have been carried out, for the reception and entertainment of the delegates in attendance, especially are we pleased with the courtesies extended to our Guests and Ladies.

GRAND CHAPTER "CALLED OFF" AT 11.15 O'CLOCK A.M.

At 11.15 o'clock a.m. Grand Chapter permitted the Companions to cast their ballot for the elective officers and the next place of meeting.

GRAND CHAPTER WAS "CALLED ON" AT 11.35 O'CLOCK A.M.

THE GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA LENDING LIBRARY SERVICE

LIST OF BOOKS AVAILABLE

Masonic Temple, 888 Yonge Street, Toronto, Ont.

(*Indicates U.S. publications)

Companions are requested to select two or more titles in case the first mentioned is on loan; or else to state the subject on which information is desired. Rules of the Grand Lodge Library govern this service.

Antiquity of the Holy Royal Arch.

Apocalypse of Freemasonry.

Historical Analysis of the Royal Arch Ritual.

Organization of the Royal Arch Chapter,

(all by Rev. F. Castells).

British Masonic Miscellany, Nos. 15 and 16.

Explanation of the Royal Arch Degree, J. S. M. Ward.

Higher Degrees Handbook, J. S. M. Ward.

History and Allegory in the Royal Arch Ritual, Rev. W. W. Crump.

Introduction to Mark Masonry, J. A. Grantham.

Introduction to Royal Arch Masonry, "Essex Master".

*King Solomon's Temple: special data for M.E.M.

*Master Mason's Marks: special data for M.M.M.

(both by Chas. A. Conover).

*Lessons in Capitular Masonry, C. C. Hunt.

*Light from the Sancturay of the Holy Royal Arch, C. A. Snodgrass.

The Mark Degree, B. H. Springett.

*More Light, Dr W. F. Kuhn.

Mystery of the Ark of the Covenant, Rev. C. C. Dobson.

Origin of the English Rite, W. J. Hughan.

Origin of the Royal Arch, Rev. G. Oliver.

Proceedings of The Grand Chapter of Canada since 1857.

Royal Arch Masonry, Dr. J. Stokes.

The Royal Rite, Wm. Moull.

Story of the Royal Arch, Wm. Harvey.

The Second Temple, Rev. W. S. Caldecott.

The Keystone. The Perfect Ashlar.

Sidelights of Freemasonry.

Signs and Symbols, Dr. A. Churchward.

Highways and Byways in Freemasonry.

(These four by Rev. J. T. Lawrence contain short addresses on Capitular Masonry).

ELECTION REPORT

R. Ex. Comp. Wm. Downing, Chairman, and V. Ex. Comp. James Herriott, vice chairman, presented the results of the Elections as follows:—

GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS, 1941-1942.

M. Ex. Comp. John Morgan Empey, B.A.Sc.	Grand Z	} Grand Council
Mitchell, Ont.		
R. Ex. Comp. John Macdonald Burden	Grand H.	
Toronto, Ont.		
R. Ex. Comp. Andrew Herbert Monteith, K.C.	Grand J.	
Paris, Ont.		
M. Ex. Comp. Walter G. Price, D.D.S.	Grand Treasurer	
Toronto, Ont.		
M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith	Grand Scribe E.	
London, Ont.		
M. Ex. Comp. George L. Gardiner	Grand Historian	
Toronto, Ont.		
R. Ex. Comp. Rev. Albert Joseph Elson	Grand Chaplain	
Mount Brydges, Ont.		
R. Ex. Comp. Charles W. Powers	Grand Scribe N.	
Ottawa, Ont.		
R. Ex. Comp. Alex. G. N. Bradshaw	Grand Principal Sojourner	
London, Ont.		
R. Ex. Comp. Harold Childs	Grand Registrar	
Thamesville, Ont.		

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—ELECTED.

R. Ex. Comp. Rev. John V. Mills,	
Toronto, Ont.	
R. Ex. Comp. Frank G. McLean,	
Toronto, Ont.	
R. Ex. Comp. Ed. H. Brennan,	
Leamington, Ont.	
R. Ex. Comp. N. M. Sprague,	
Trenton, Ont.	
R. Ex. Comp. J. H. Eydt,	
Hamilton, Ont.	

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING

The Eighty-fourth Annual Convocation will be held in the City of Niagara Falls, Ontario, on Wednesday and Thursday, April 22nd and 23rd, 1942, commencing at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, as per Section 20, of the Constitution.

COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTION

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. John Empey, and—

Resolved,—"That a committee consisting of all Past Grand First Principals, the Grand Council, the Grand Lecturer and the Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Education, with power to increase their number, be appointed to prepare a plan for training of Grand Superintendents, Principals, officers and committee chairman of Constituent Chapters, and for this purpose to devise methods of putting into effect such plan, with amendments to the Constitution of Grand Chapter if necessary. This committee to report to the next meeting of the Executive Committee, and the Grand First Principal to appoint the convenor of this committee."

Subsequently the Grand First Principal appointed R. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden as the convenor of this special "Committee on Instruction."

OFFICERS INSTALLED AND INVESTED

Most Ex. Comp. W. Y. Mills, R. Ex. Comps. Frank G. McLean and Fred G. Smith installed and invested the newly elected officers of Grand Chapter, including the Grand Superintendents of the several Districts, and they were proclaimed and saluted according to ancient custom.

THANKS TO SCRUTINEERS

Moved by M. Ex. Comp. Llewellyn F. Stephens, K.C., seconded by R. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden, and—

Resolved,—"That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be tendered to the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and other Companions who acted as Scrutineers, for the services rendered in the election of the Officers of Grand Chapter."

THANKS TO INSTALLING BOARD

Moved by R. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Andrew H. Monteith, K.C., and—

Resolved,—"That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be tendered to Most Ex. Comp. Wm. Y. Mills and R. Ex. Comps. Fred G. Smith and Frank McLean, who had charge of the Installation Ceremony, and those who assisted, for the able manner in which the ceremony has been performed."

THANKS TO MASONIC HALL, LONDON, LIMITED

Moved by R. Ex. Comp. Archie D. MacIntyre, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Fred Porterfield, and—

Resolved,—"That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be tendered to the Directors of the Masonic Hall, London, Limited; the Blue Room Board of Finance, and the Red Room Board of Finance, for the gratuitous use of several rooms and apartments under their management."

APPOINTMENT TO OFFICE

The following appointments have been made by the Most Ex. Comp. John M. Empey.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—APPOINTED

- R. Ex. Comp. Lt.-Col. Reg. V. Conover,
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- R. Ex. Comp. Chas. H. Sheppard,
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243 London St., Peterborough, Ont.

ASSISTANT OFFICERS—APPOINTED

- R. Ex. Comp. William Stevenson Morrison Enouy.....Grand Lecturer
512 Brunswick Ave., Toronto, Ont.
- V. Ex. Comp. Rev. William Giles Kitchen.....Asst. Grand Chaplain
68 Lemon St., Guelph, Ont.
- V. Ex. Comp. Wilmot Maxwell Tobey Grand Senior Sojourner
231 Fourth Ave., Ottawa, Ont.
- V. Ex. Comp. Hyndman Irwin Grand Junior Sojourner
155 Roxborough St. W., Toronto, Ont.
- V. Ex. Comp. George F. Doggett Grand Sword Bearer
Box 910, Kirkland Lake, Ont.
- V. Ex. Comp. John Archibald Bell Grand Master 4th Veil
235 Emerick Ave., P.O. Box 631, Fort Erie N., Ont.
- V. Ex. Comp. Alexander Cameron Grand Master 3rd Veil
73 Stratford St., Stratford, Ont.
- V. Ex. Comp. Pieter Bregman Grand Master 2nd Veil
Box 441, Copper Cliff, Ont.
- V. Ex. Comp. Wilfred Lorraine McNaughton.....Grand Master 1st Veil
Box 6, Main St., Ridgetown, Ont.
- V. Ex. Comp. George Edward Rennie Grand Standard Bearer
37 Helendale Ave., Toronto, Ont.
- V. Ex. Comp. James Alcorn Grand Director of Ceremonies
167 Woodfield Road, Toronto, Ont.
- V. Ex. Comp. James Kennedy Ross.....Asst. Grand Dir. of Ceremonies
24 Prospect Ave., London, Ont.
- V. Ex. Comp. Charles Fotheringham, S.V.I.M.....Grand Organist
Box 32, Port Elgin, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. William Roy Cooper	Grand Pursuivant
68 Lancaster St., Kitchener, Ont.	
V. Ex. Comp. Kurven Shirton Woodward	Grand Steward
45 Redan St., St. Thomas, Ont.	
V. Ex. Comp. Robert Ditchburn McKenzie	Grand Steward
41 Wellington St. S., Woodstock, Ont.	
V. Ex. Comp. John Hyland	Grand Steward
St. Mary's, Ont.	
V. Ex. Comp. Robert Harvey Philip	Grand Steward
18 Haddon Ave. S., Hamilton, Ont.	
V. Ex. Comp. Allister Hughes	Grand Steward
R.R. No. 3, Holyrood, Ont.	
V. Ex. Comp. William Frank Leuty	Grand Steward
R.R. No. 2, Malton, Ont.	
V. Ex. Comp. Robert McNee	Grand Steward
121 Euclid St., Box 211, Whitby, Ont.	
V. Ex. Comp. Duncan McIntyre	Grand Steward
338 St. Marie, Ont., Collingwood, Ont.	
V. Ex. Comp. Leonard Charles Pattrick	Grand Steward
228 Dufferin Ave., Belleville, Ont.	
V. Ex. Comp. George Melville Robinson	Grand Steward
477 Princess St., Kingston, Ont.	
V. Ex. Comp. Charles M. Thompson	Grand Steward
500 main St. East, Hamilton, Ont.	
V. Ex. Comp. Willis Spencer	Grand Steward
162 East Amelia St., Fort William, Ont.	
V. Ex. Comp. John Stewart Fraser	Grand Steward
59 Alma St., St. Thomas, Ont.	
V. Ex. Comp. Roy H. Munroe	Grand Steward
St. Andrew St., Mitchell, Ont.	
V. Ex. Comp. Thomas Scott Young	Grand Steward
193 Bethune St., Brockville, Ont.	
V. Ex. Comp. Helga Fred Schytte	Grand Steward
109 Yonge Blvd., Toronto, Ont.	
V. Ex. Comp. John H. News	Grand Outer Guard
2386 Barker St., Niagara Falls, Ont.	

CLOSING

The labours of the Annual Convocation being ended, Grand Chapter was closed in ample form at 1.00 noon, London, Ontario, Thursday, April 24th, 1941.



Edwin Smith

Grand Scribe E.

GRAND Z. ATTEND DINNER DANCE

On Tuesday evening, April 22nd, 1941, the Grand Z., Most Ex. Comp. Llewellyn F. Stephens and Mrs. Stephens joined with his Executive in attending a "Dinner Dance" to his honoured guests, delegates and ladies.

During the Convocation, many messages were conveyed to the Grand Z. and the Grand Chapter of Canada by the visiting Companions.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT

R. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden Grand H.
126 Old Orchard Grove, Toronto, Ont.

BY VIRTUE OF OFFICE

- M. Ex. Comp. John M. Empey, Grand Z., 1941.
86 Blanshard St., Box 114, Mitchell, Ont.
- M. Ex. Comp. Walter H. Davis, Grand Z., 1924-1925.
241 Queens St. South, Hamilton, Ont.
- M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, Grand Z., 1928-1929.
582 Dufferin Ave., London, Ont.
- M. Ex. Comp. Walter G. Price, D.D.S., Grand Z., 1930-1931.
67 Carlton St., Toronto, Ont.
- M. Ex. Comp. George L. Gardiner, Grand Z., 1935-1936.
4 Dunloe Road, Toronto, Ont.
- M. Ex. Comp. Wm. Y. Mills, Grand Z., 1937-1938.
126 Princess St., Kingston, Ont.
- M. Ex. Comp. Llewellyn F. Stephens, K.C., Grand Z., 1939-1940.
52 Markland St., Hamilton, Ont.
- M. Ex. Comp. Harry H. Watson,—Hon. Grand Z., 1909.
441 Seymour Street, Vancouver, B.C.
- M. Ex. Comp. Roderick B. Dargavel,—Hon. Grand Z., 1941.
234 Evelyn Ave., Toronto, Ont.
- R. Ex. Comp. Andrew H. Monteith, K.C., Grand J.
Box 604, Paris, Ont.
- R. Ex. Comp. Chas. W. Powers, Grand Scribe N.
16 Rideau Terrace, Ottawa, Ont.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—HONOURARY

- R. Ex. Comp. Oliver Ellwood,
137 John St., London, Ont.
- R. Ex. Comp. Archie D. MacIntyre,
c/o Bank of Montreal (King and Bathurst St.), Toronto, Ont.

BENEVOLENT COMMITTEE

(MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE BY VIRTUE OF OFFICE)

- M. Ex. Comp. Rod. B. Dargavel,
234 Evelyn Ave., Toronto, Ont.

- R. Ex. Comp. John J. Gardiner,
69 Grove Ave., Ottawa, Ont.
- R. Ex. Comp. George W. Slack,
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—ELECTED

- R. Ex. Comp. Rev. John V. Mills,
56 Boustead Ave., Toronto, Ont.
- R. Ex. Comp. Frank G. McLean,
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- R. Ex. Comp. Ed. H. Brennan,
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- R. Ex. Comp. N. M. Sprague,
Box 16, Trenton, Ont.
- R. Ex. Comp. J. H. Eydt,
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(MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE BY VIRTUE OF OFFICE)

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| R. Ex. Comp. Hugh Baird Hood | St. Clair District No. 1 | | |
| 273 Glidden Ave., Riverside, Ont. | | | |
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| Strathroy, Ont. | | | |
| R. Ex. Comp. Chester Stuart Wood | Wilson | " | " 3 |
| 106 Eagle Ave., Brantford, Ont. | | | |
| R. Ex. Comp. Gordon Verne Hilborn | Wellington | " | " 4 |
| 406 King St., Preston, Ont. | | | |
| R. Ex. Comp. Frederick William Dean | Hamilton | " | " 5 |
| 244 Halton Ave., S., Hamilton, Ont. | | | |
| R. Ex. Comp. Adam Dahmer | Huron | " | " 6 |
| Attwood, Ont. | | | |
| R. Ex. Comp. Maurice John Burdon | Niagara | " | " 7 |
| Box 232, Port Colborne, Ont. | | | |
| R. Ex. Comp. William Henry Ford | Toronto East | " | " 8 |
| 110 Kingswood Road, Toronto 8, Ont. | | | |
| R. Ex. Comp. James William Woodland..... | Toronto West | " | " 8a |
| 88 Moore Ave., Toronto, Ont. | | | |

R. Ex. Comp. Earl MacLaren	Georgian Wiarton, Ont.	"	"	9
R. Ex. Comp. Gerald Carlow Bonnycastle.....	Ontario Box 23, Bowmanville, Ont.	"	"	10
R. Ex. Comp. Marven Ryckman Reid	Prince Edward Napanea, Ont.	"	"	11
R. Ex. Comp. Edwin Adams Cook	St. Lawrence Box 400, Prescott, Ont.	"	"	12
R. Ex. Comp. Harry Edward Menzies	Ottawa Carleton Place, Ont.	"	"	13
R. Ex. Comp. Harry John Hughes	Algoma Rainy River, Ont.	"	"	14
R. Ex. Comp. George Ellis Richardson	New Ontario 14, The Drive, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.	"	"	15
R. Ex. Comp. George Liebert Cameron	Temiskaming Box 180, Iroquois Falls, Ont.	"	"	16
R. Ex. Comp. George Norris Williams	Yukon Dawson City, Y.T.	"	"	17

SUB-COMMITTEES

GRAND Z.'S. ADDRESS

M. Ex. Comp. Geo. L. Gardiner (Chairman), M. Ex. Comps. Walter H. Davis, Edwin Smith, Walter G. Price, Wm. Y. Mills, Llewellyn F. Stephens, Harry H. Watson, R. B. Dargavel.

BENEVOLENCE

M. Ex. Comp. R. B. Dargavel (Chairman), R. Ex. Comps. John J. Gardiner, and George W. Slack.

AUDIT AND FINANCE

R. Ex. Comp. C. Alec. Sollitt (Chairman), R. Ex. Comps. H. B. Hood, Fred. Dean, Earl MacLaren, and Edwin A. Cook.

INVESTMENTS

R. Ex. Comp. Oliver Ellwood (Chairman), Grand Z., Grand H., Grand J., Chairman of Audit and Finance, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Scribe E.

GRIEVANCE AND APPEALS

M. Ex. Comp. Llew. F. Stephens, K.C. (Chairman), R. Ex. Comps. N. M. Sprague, W. H. Ford, and G. C. Bonnycastle.

WARRANTS

R. Ex. Comp. Ed. H. Brennan (Chairman), R. Ex. Comps. R. E. Harvey Milne, C. S. Wood, Adam Dahmar, and H. J. Hughes.

CONDITIONS OF CAPTULAR MASONRY

R. Ex. Comp. Frank G. McLean (Chairman), R. Ex. Comps. W. E. Gowling, G. V. Hilborn, and M. J. Burdon.

CONSTITUTION, LAWS AND JURISPRUDENCE

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EDUCATIONAL

R. Ex. Comp. J. Austin Evans, M.D. (Chairman), Ex. Comp. W. J. Dunlop, and R. Ex. Comp. Tannahill, Grand Z., Grand H., Grand J., and Grand Scribe E.

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

M. Ex. Comp. Geo. L. Gardiner (Chairman).

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM

R. Ex. Comp. A. D. McIntyre (Chairman).

CREDENTIAL

R. Ex. Comp. Col. R. V. Conover (Chairman), R. Ex. Comp. J. E. Woodland (Vice-Chairman).

SCRUTINEERS

R. Ex. Comp. Wm. Downing (Chairman), V. Ex. Comp. Jas. Herriott (Vice-Chairman).

LIST OF CHAPTERS—BY DISTRICTS

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, NO. 1

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. Hugh Baird Hood,
273 Glidden Ave., Riverside, Ont.

No.		No.	
47.	Wellington.....Chatham	119.	King Cyrus.....Leamington
71.	Prince of Wales.....Amherstburg	153.	Sombra.....Wallaceburg
73.	Erie.....Ridgetown	164.	Lorne.....West Lorne
80.	Ark.....Windsor	239.	Blenheim.....Blenheim
88.	MacNabb.....Dresden	250.	Thomas Peters.....Windsor

LONDON DISTRICT, NO. 2

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. William Campbell,
Strathroy, Ont.

No.		No.	
3.	St. John's.....London	81.	Aylmer.....Aylmer
5.	St. George's.....London	150.	London.....London
15.	Wawanosh.....Sarnia	214.	Vimy.....Inwood
53.	Bruce.....Petrolia	238.	The St. Andrew.....London
54.	Palestine.....St. Thomas	242.	St. Paul's.....Lambeth
74.	Beaver.....Strathroy	247.	Nilestown.....Nilestown
78.	Minnewawa.....Parkhill	252.	Hiawatha.....Sarnia

WILSON DISTRICT, NO. 3

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. Chester Stuart Wood,
103 Eagle Ave., Brantford, Ont.

No.		No.	
18. Oxford.....	Woodstock	41. Harris.....	Ingersoll
20. Mount Hereb.....	Brantford	115. Brant.....	Paris
23. Ezra.....	Simcoe	253. Regal.....	Port Dover

WELLINGTON DISTRICT, NO. 4

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. Gordon Verne Hilborn,
406 King Street, Preston, Ont.

No.		No.	
32. Waterloo.....	Galt	218. Prince Edward.....	Shelburne
40. Guelph.....	Guelph	221. Durham.....	Durham
67. Enterprise.....	Palmerston	234. Halton.....	Georgetown
83. Ionic.....	Orangeville	245. Preston.....	Preston
117. Kitchener.....	Kitchener		

HAMILTON DISTRICT, NO. 5

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. Frederick William Dean,
244 Halton Ave. S., Hamilton, Ont.

No.		No.	
2. The Hiram.....	Hamilton	175. The Hamilton.....	Hamilton
6. St. John's.....	Hamilton	224. Keystone.....	Hamilton
75. St. Clair.....	Milton	236. Caledonia.....	Caledonia
104. White Oak.....	Oakville	243. McKay.....	Stoney Creek
155. Ancaster.....	Ancaster		

HURON DISTRICT, NO. 6

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. Adam Dahmer,
Atwood, Ont.

No.		No.	
24. Tecumseh.....	Stratford	84. Lebanon.....	Wingham
30. Huron.....	Goderich	129. Elliot.....	Mitchell
46. St. James.....	St. Marys	130. Chantry.....	Southampton
63. Havelock.....	Kincardine	146. Bernard.....	Listowel
66. The Malloch.....	Seaforth	147. Lucknow.....	Lucknow

NIAGARA DISTRICT, NO. 7

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. Maurice John Burdon,
Box 232, Port Colborne, Ont.

No.		No.	
19. Mt. Moriah.....	St. Catharines	69. Grimsby.....	Grimsby
29. McCallum.....	Dunnville	76. Mount Nebo.....	Niagara Falls
55. Niagara.....	Niagara	184. Hugh Murray.....	Fort Erie North
57. King Hiram.....	Pt. Colborne	240. Smithville.....	Smithville
64. Willson.....	Welland		

TORONTO EAST DISTRICT, NO. 8

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. William Henry Ford,
110 Kingswood Road, Toronto 8, Ont.

No.		No.	
4.	St. Andrew and St. John.....	145.	The St. Patrick.....
	Toronto	163.	The Beaches.....
8.	King Solomon's.....	205.	Victoria.....
60.	Doric.....	217.	St. Alban's.....
62.	York.....	225.	Beaver.....
65.	St. Paul's.....	235.	Aurora.....
79.	Orient.....	241.	University.....
135.	Succoth.....		Toronto
	Uxbridge		

TORONTO WEST DISTRICT, NO. 8A

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. James William Woodland,
88 Moore Ave., Toronto, Ont.

No.		No.	
77.	Occident.....	219.	Ulster.....
91.	Antiquity.....	220.	Lebanon.....
138.	Shekinah.....	230.	Port Credit.....
185.	Toronto.....	231.	St. Clair.....
195.	Peel.....	232.	King Cyrus.....
212.	Mount Sinai.....	233.	Oakwood.....
215.	Mimico.....	246.	Humber.....
	Mimico		Weston

GEORGIAN DISTRICT, NO. 9

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. Earl MacLaren,
Wiarton, Ont.

No.		No.	
27.	Manitou.....	131.	Amabel.....
34.	Signet.....	167.	Kichikewana.....
56.	Georgian.....	198.	Couchiching.....
86.	Macpherson.....		Orillia
	Meaford		

ONTARIO DISTRICT, NO. 10

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. Gerald Carlow Bonnycastle,
Box 23, Bowmanville, Ont.

No.		No.	
28.	Pentalpha.....	94.	Midland.....
35.	Keystone.....	110.	Warkworth.....
36.	Corinthian.....	134.	King Darius.....
37.	Victoria.....	139.	St. Andrew's.....
45.	Excelsior.....	168.	Ionic.....
48.	St. John's.....	249.	Palestine.....
	Cobourg		Bowmanville

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT, NO. 11

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. Mervyn Ryckman Reid,
Napanee, Ont.

No.		No.	
7.	The Moira.....	72.	Keystone.....
26.	St. Mark's.....	144.	Presque' Ile.....
31.	Prince Edward.....	161.	Madoc.....
44.	Mount Sinai.....	227.	Quinte Friendship.....
	Napanee		Belleville

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT, NO. 12

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. Edwin Adams Cooks,
Box 400, Prescott, Ont.

No.		No.	
1.	Ancient Frontenac and Cataragui Kingston	100.	St. Lawrence.....Brockville
22.	Grenville.....Prescott	112.	St. John's.....Morrisburg
59.	Sussex.....Brockville	113.	Covenant.....Cornwall
68.	Maitland.....South Augusta	132.	Leeds.....Gananoque

OTTAWA DISTRICT, NO. 13

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. Harold Edward Menzies,
Box 654, Carleton Place, Ont.

No.		No.	
16.	Carleton.....Ottawa	148.	St. John's.....Vankleek Hill
61.	Granite.....Almonte	151.	Laurentian.....Pembroke
114.	Bonnechere.....Renfrew	210.	Kitchener.....Russell
116.	Maple.....Carleton Place	222.	Ottawa.....Ottawa
133.	St. Francis.....Smiths Falls	226.	Prince of Wales.....Perth
143.	Glengarry.....Maxville	248.	Dochert.....Arnprior

ALGOMA DISTRICT, NO. 14

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. Harry John Hughes,
Rainy River, Ont.

No.		No.	
82.	Shuniah.....Port Arthur	149.	Atwood.....Rainy River
90.	Golden.....Kenora	152.	Alberton.....Ft. Frances
140.	Ft. William.....Ft. William		

NEW ONTARIO DISTRICT, NO. 15

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. George Ellis Richardson,
14 The Drive, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

No.		No.	
58.	Pembroke.....Mattawa	102.	Algonquin.....Sault Ste. Marie
95.	Tuscan.....Sudbury	103.	St. John's.....North Bay

TEMISKAMING DISTRICT, NO. 16

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. George Liebert Cameron,
Box 180, Iroquois Falls, Ont.

No.		No.	
169.	Temiskaming.....New Liskeard	223.	Abitibi.....Iroquois Falls
203.	Cobalt.....Cobalt	244.	Cochrane.....Cochrane
213.	Northern Lights.....Timmins	251.	Kirkland.....Kirkland Lake

YUKON TERRITORY DISTRICT, NO. 17

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. George Norris Williams
Dawson City, Y.T.

No. 154.	Klondike.....Dawson, Y.T.
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CHAPTER RETURNS

No.	Name of Chapter	Where Held	Regular Convocation
	Ancient Frontenac and		
1	Cataraqui.....	Kingston.....	Third Friday.....
2	The Hiram.....	Hamilton.....	Fourth Friday.....
3	St. John's.....	London.....	Fourth Wednesday.....
4	St. Andrew and St. John.....	Toronto.....	Third Friday.....
5	St. George's.....	London.....	Fourth Friday.....
6	St. John's.....	Hamilton.....	Second Thursday.....
7	The Moira.....	Belleville.....	First Tuesday.....
8	King Solomon's.....	Toronto.....	Fourth Thursday.....
15	Wawanosh.....	Sarnia.....	Second Friday.....
16	Carleton.....	Ottawa.....	Third Wednesday.....
18	Oxford.....	Woodstock.....	Third Friday.....
19	Mt. Moriah.....	St. Catharines.....	Second Friday.....
20	Mt. Horeb.....	Brantford.....	First Friday.....
22	Grenville.....	Prescott.....	Second Tuesday.....
23	Ezra.....	Simcoe.....	Third Thursday.....
24	Tecumseh.....	Stratford.....	Fourth Friday.....
26	St. Mark's.....	Trenton.....	Third Tuesday.....
27	Manitou.....	Collingwood.....	Fourth Friday.....
28	Pentalpha.....	Oshawa.....	First Tuesday.....
29	McCallum.....	Dunnville.....	Third Friday.....
30	Huron.....	Goderich.....	Third Tuesday.....
31	Prince Edward.....	Pictou.....	Third Monday.....
32	Waterloo.....	Galt.....	Third Thursday.....
34	Signet.....	Barrie.....	Second Tuesday.....
35	Keystone.....	Whitby.....	Second Friday.....
36	Corinthian.....	Peterboro.....	Fourth Wednesday.....
37	Victoria.....	Port Hope.....	Second Friday.....
40	Guelph.....	Guelph.....	Second Friday.....
41	Harris.....	Ingersoll.....	Second Friday.....
44	Mt. Sinai.....	Napanee.....	Third Wednesday.....
45	Excelsior.....	Colborne.....	First Friday.....
46	St. James.....	St. Mary's.....	Second Monday.....
47	Wellington.....	Chatham.....	Second Thursday.....
48	St. John's.....	Cobourg.....	Fourth Tuesday.....
53	Bruce.....	Petrolia.....	Third Wednesday.....
54	Palestine.....	St. Thomas.....	Second Thursday.....
55	Niagara.....	Niagara-on-the-Lake.....	First Friday.....
56	Georgian.....	Owen Sound.....	Third Tuesday.....
57	King Hiram.....	Port Colborne.....	First Thursday.....
58	Pembroke.....	Mattawa.....	Third Tuesday.....
59	Sussex.....	Brockville.....	Second Wednesday.....
60	Doric.....	Newmarket.....	
61	Granite.....	Almonte.....	Second Thursday.....
62	York.....	Toronto.....	Second Friday.....
63	Havelock.....	Kincardine.....	Third Friday.....
64	Willson.....	Welland.....	Last Wednesday.....
65	St. Paul's.....	Toronto.....	Second Wednesday.....
66	The Malloch.....	Seaforth.....	Third Monday.....
67	Enterprise.....	Palmerston.....	Second Tuesday.....
68	Maitland.....	South Augusta.....	Third Thursday.....
69	Grimsby.....	Grimsby.....	First Monday.....
71	Prince of Wales.....	Amherstburg.....	First Friday.....
72	Keystone.....	Stirling.....	Second Monday.....
73	Erie.....	Ridgetown.....	Third Monday.....
74	Beaver.....	Strathroy.....	First Friday.....
75	St. Clair.....	Milton.....	Third Thursday.....
76	Mount Nebo.....	Niagara Falls.....	Third Friday.....
77	Occident.....	Toronto.....	Second Friday.....
78	Minnewawa.....	Parkhill.....	Third Monday.....
79	Orient.....	Toronto.....	Second Thursday.....
80	Ark.....	Windsor.....	First Monday.....
81	Aylmer.....	Aylmer.....	First Thursday.....
82	Shuniah.....	Port Arthur.....	Third Wednesday.....
83	Ionic.....	Orangeville.....	First Tuesday.....

CHAPTER RETURNS TO 31st DECEMBER, 1940

Chapter No.	First Principal Z. for the Year 1941	Scribe E. for the Year 1941	Members 31st Dec., 1939	Admission	Joinings	Restorations	Withdrawals	Suspensions	Deaths	Members 31st Dec., 1940	Life Members	Increase	Decrease
1	J. H. Allmark.....	A. E. Hunt.....	251	...	3	...	3	...	5	246	46	...	5
2	A. E. Barnwell.....	J. H. Forbes.....	285	1	1	...	...	13	13	274	118	...	11
3	E. W. Hall.....	Jas. A. Elgie.....	259	2	...	...	...	6	5	250	95	...	9
4	W. L. Lankin.....	Robert J. Gray.....	185	...	...	2	2	...	4	179	77	...	6
5	W. J. Gibling.....	H. E. Abell.....	250	2	...	2	...	5	6	243	112	...	7
6	Geo. A. Nash.....	J. A. Spittle.....	200	...	1	...	12	3	186	49	...	14	
7	C. H. MacDonald.....	C. D. Crosby.....	212	5	...	1	...	6	212	18	...	...	
8	F. H. McNeil.....	S. G. Tinker.....	217	4	1	...	2	2	3	215	114	...	2
15	Ernest Spinks.....	W. W. Simpson.....	218	9	1	...	2	6	220	45	2	...	...
16	C. R. Flatters.....	C. W. Powers.....	249	...	...	4	6	7	232	171	...	17	
18	Frank H. Bond.....	R. D. Montgomery.....	129	2	1	...	3	17	1	111	35	...	18
19	N. B. McPhee.....	A. E. Coombs.....	179	4	...	1	...	5	177	13	...	2	
20	C. E. Windrim.....	R. W. E. McFadden.....	165	...	...	1	...	2	162	86	...	3	
22	R. Edward.....	E. A. Cook.....	90	...	2	1	...	2	89	8	...	1	
23	Dick Sutton.....	Wm. F. Tyrell.....	104	5	...	...	3	5	101	19	...	3	
24	R. H. Davies.....	John Stevenson.....	196	3	2	...	4	6	191	24	...	5	
26	O. L. Patrick.....	N. M. Sprague.....	123	1	...	...	5	2	117	26	...	6	
27	A. J. Chapman.....	F. C. Bendell.....	136	2	...	...	2	5	131	63	...	5	
28	Thos. Cassidy.....	N. W. Purdy.....	144	3	1	...	7	11	5	125	45	...	19
29	R. H. McLaughlin.....	D. R. Murphy.....	67	5	...	1	2	...	67	11	...	...	
30	Alex Smith.....	F. R. Darrow.....	114	3	...	1	...	3	113	8	...	1	
31	J. C. Cooper.....	W. A. Davis.....	117	3	...	1	...	5	114	10	...	3	
32	H. E. Benham.....	James Ritchie.....	127	2	...	2	...	1	126	37	...	1	
34	J. Simpson.....	E. R. Lewis.....	156	3	...	1	4	3	8	145	70	...	11
35	R. Winters.....	Robt. McNee.....	80	...	2	1	...	3	78	...	...	2	
36	E. W. Jones.....	A. H. Cooper.....	230	4	...	1	1	5	229	52	...	1	
37	W. A. Highfield.....	H. Mitchell.....	135	...	...	1	...	4	130	68	...	5	
40	C. T. Kelso.....	R. M. Finlay.....	155	...	...	2	4	2	147	16	...	8	
41	D. Sutherland.....	Lyle Mansfield.....	76	...	...	...	...	3	73	12	...	3	
44	Wm. O. Coates.....	E. J. Walters.....	78	...	...	1	2	3	72	13	...	6	
45	S. E. Turpin.....	W. R. Baxter.....	25	...	...	...	...	...	25	...	...	...	
46	D. C. White.....	J. W. Durr.....	65	1	...	1	1	...	1	64	9	...	1
47	Harold Roach.....	L. H. Veale.....	121	1	...	2	13	5	106	9	...	15	
48	J. H. Bennett.....	J. G. McNab.....	79	3	2	...	1	...	1	82	72	3	...
53	C. L. Duncan.....	R. M. Storey.....	85	...	...	1	...	...	84	13	...	1	
54	W. Cunningham.....	K. S. Woodward.....	266	15	...	1	6	13	263	114	...	3	
55	Geo. R. Jerman.....	A. G. Hall.....	54	1	...	2	...	1	56	...	2	...	
56	E. C. Jermyn.....	Geo. E. Atkey.....	84	...	...	...	6	3	75	40	...	9	
57	J. S. Allen.....	M. J. Burdon.....	71	3	...	...	1	10	63	8	...	8	
58	A. J. Tongue.....	H. H. Betts.....	28	...	...	...	...	...	28	18	...	...	
59	W. H. Burgass.....	Wm. Root.....	168	4	...	...	...	4	168	19	...	...	
60	...	...	55	...	...	15	...	...	40	17	...	15	
61	Edgar J. Lee.....	E. J. Lee.....	52	2	...	...	...	...	54	5	2	...	
62	S. K. Clark.....	W. E. Hofland.....	92	1	...	1	2	3	89	26	...	3	
63	J. F. Marcus.....	R. J. Kincaid (Act.)	69	...	...	...	...	1	68	5	...	1	
64	D. C. Damude.....	M. F. Stewart.....	107	2	...	...	1	2	106	...	...	1	
65	G. F. Kingston.....	C. B. Parker.....	169	3	...	2	1	7	162	76	...	7	
66	Chas. Salter.....	Keith M. McLean.....	57	...	1	...	...	1	57	9	...	...	
67	J. W. Stewart.....	J. Fred Edwards.....	90	...	...	1	...	...	89	13	...	1	
68	Geo. W. Davis.....	Robt. Cavanagh.....	56	1	...	1	2	3	51	3	...	5	
69	Albert Jarvis.....	C. W. F. Carpenter.....	60	1	...	...	...	1	60	8	...	...	
71	Geo. A. Bennett.....	Walter S. Wigle.....	50	2	2	...	...	2	54	9	4	...	
72	Gordon Bailey.....	Thos. W. Solmes.....	74	...	...	1	...	...	73	17	...	1	
73	Harold D. McKellop...	Thos. E. Armstrong.....	85	...	1	1	3	10	74	1	...	11	
74	R. L. Manning.....	W. G. MacVicar.....	59	...	1	...	...	1	59	7	...	...	
75	H. B. Cox.....	W. T. Barnard.....	53	1	...	...	1	1	52	1	...	1	
76	F. W. Gregory.....	John R. Weare.....	88	...	1	3	...	2	84	84	...	4	
77	J. H. Russell.....	J. T. Gilchrist.....	373	...	...	7	1	9	356	164	...	17	
78	M. M. Pennington.....	B. Bossenbury.....	53	1	...	...	...	2	52	...	...	1	
79	P. S. Churchward.....	W. E. Secker.....	149	3	1	...	7	1	5	140	69	...	9
80	W. J. Robinson.....	G. Gale.....	262	3	...	1	1	4	261	142	...	1	
81	J. A. Robinson.....	H. L. Stratton.....	80	...	1	...	2	2	3	74	2	...	6
82	C. F. Smith.....	A. F. Freed.....	322	2	...	6	27	4	287	54	...	35	
83	Fred Kingshott.....	E. Whelan.....	74	...	...	1	...	1	72	11	...	2	

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84	Lebanon.....	Wingham.....	Third Tuesday.....
86	Macpherson.....	Meaford.....	
88	MacNabb.....	Dresden.....	Fourth Wednesday.....
90	Golden.....	Kenora.....	Fourth Wednesday.....
91	Antiquity.....	Toronto.....	Fourth Wednesday.....
94	Midland.....	Lindsay.....	Third Thursday.....
95	Tuscan.....	Sudbury.....	Second Tuesday.....
100	St. Lawrence.....	Brockville.....	First Thursday.....
102	Algonquin.....	Sault Ste. Marie.....	Fourth Friday.....
103	St. John's.....	North Bay.....	First Monday.....
104	White Oak.....	Oakville.....	Third Wednesday.....
110	Warkworth.....	Warkworth.....	Second Monday.....
112	St. John's.....	Morrisburg.....	Third Friday.....
113	Covenant.....	Cornwall.....	Third Wednesday.....
114	Bonnechere.....	Renfrew.....	Third Tuesday.....
115	Brant.....	Paris.....	Third Monday.....
116	Maple.....	Carleton Place.....	First Wednesday.....
117	Kitchener.....	Kitchener.....	First Friday.....
119	King Cyrus.....	Leamington.....	First Wednesday.....
129	Elliott.....	Mitchell.....	First Tuesday.....
130	Chantry.....	Southampton.....	First Tuesday.....
131	Amabel.....	Warton.....	First Thursday.....
132	Leeds.....	Gananoque.....	First Thursday.....
133	St. Francis.....	Smiths Falls.....	Third Friday.....
134	King Darius.....	Cannington.....	Third Wednesday.....
135	Succoth.....	Uxbridge.....	Second Thursday.....
138	Shekinah.....	Toronto.....	Second Tuesday.....
139	St. Andrew's.....	Havelock.....	Third Monday.....
140	Fort William.....	Fort William.....	First Friday.....
143	Glengarry.....	Maxville.....	Fourth Friday.....
144	Presqu' Ile.....	Brighton.....	Fourth Tuesday.....
145	The St. Patrick.....	Toronto.....	Third Saturday.....
146	Bernard.....	Listowel.....	Friday after F.M.....
147	Lucknow.....	Lucknow.....	Second Tuesday.....
148	St. John's.....	Vankleek Hill.....	First Friday.....
149	Atwood.....	Rainy River.....	Third Thursday.....
150	London.....	London.....	Third Tuesday.....
151	Laurentian.....	Pembroke.....	Third Thursday.....
152	Alberton.....	Fort Frances.....	Second Tuesday.....
153	Sombra.....	Wallaceburg.....	First Monday.....
154	Klondike.....	Dawson, Y.T.....	Third Thursday.....
155	Ancaster.....	Ancaster.....	Third Tuesday.....
161	Madoc.....	Madoc.....	Fourth Monday.....
163	The Beaches.....	Toronto.....	First Monday.....
164	Lorne.....	West Lorne.....	Third Friday.....
167	Kichikewana.....	Midland.....	Fourth Friday.....
168	Ionic.....	Campbellford.....	Third Monday.....
169	Temiskaming.....	New Liskeard.....	Third Wednesday.....
175	The Hamilton.....	Hamilton.....	Third Tuesday.....
184	Hugh Murray.....	Fort Erie North.....	Second Tuesday.....
185	The Toronto.....	Toronto.....	Third Monday.....
195	Peel.....	Brampton.....	First Tuesday.....
198	Couchiching.....	Orillia.....	Second Friday.....
203	Cobalt.....	Cobalt.....	Third Tuesday.....
205	Victoria.....	Thornhill.....	First Tuesday.....
210	Kitchener.....	Russell.....	First Friday.....
212	Mt. Sinai.....	Toronto.....	First Tuesday.....
213	Northern Lights.....	Timmins.....	Third Wednesday.....
214	Vimy.....	Inwood.....	Second Monday.....
215	Mimico.....	Mimico.....	First Wednesday.....
217	St. Alban's.....	Toronto.....	Fourth Friday.....
218	Prince Edward.....	Shelburne.....	Third Friday.....
219	Ulster.....	Toronto.....	Second Tuesday.....
220	Lebanon.....	Lambton Mills.....	Third Wednesday.....
221	Durham.....	Durham.....	Third Monday.....

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84	G. G. McKee	Harry F. McGee	75				2		2	71	12		4
86			30				20			10			20
88	E. W. Slaght	M. Blackburn	58				1		1	56			2
90	W. H. Gardner	A. G. Stevenson	143	1					5	139	6		4
91	W. G. Hamilton	James Herriott	194	3	1		2		7	189	62		5
94	A. R. Warner	Chas. L. Davidson	115	1					2	114	23		1
95	C. B. Deeks	W. H. Bain	181				4	4	1	173	35		8
100	I. W. Brundige	P. C. Ellis	100	1			1	4		96	14		4
102	Wm. Walker	L. E. Edmonds	259				2	3	3	251	59		8
103	Bert Branson	B. F. Nott	120	4		1		6	2	117	46		3
104	H. J. Smith	Reg. M. Smith	35				1		2	32			3
110	G. R. Duncan	H. S. Allen	58	1			1	1	1	56			2
112	Jas. A. Payton	Will C. Davy	74	10	2	7	1	3	2	87	12	13	
113	F. W. Elliott	W. H. Mowat	146	1					2	145	34		1
114	W. H. Pointon	J. P. Morrison	53					1	1	51	15		2
115	E. W. Laughlin	H. J. Broughton	109	1						109	6		
116	D. G. Allan	M. W. Rogers	116	1			2	6	5	104	70		12
117	Ed. Downing	W. R. Cooper	183	10	4		1		2	194	8	11	
119	H. A. Young	Ed. H. Brennan	113	2	2	1		10	3	105	41		8
129	Wm. F. Elliott	Fred. Porterfield	44	1	1		1	1		44	1		
130	C. Fotheringham	R. B. Hillmer	42	1		1		2		42	5		
131	Thos. P. Jones	H. H. Lodge	46	3			2			47	1		
132	N. R. Gardner	Wilber Clow	69	2			1	2		68			1
133	J. H. Lawson	T. S. McDonald	133		1		1	3	2	128	2		5
134	F. H. Hircley	Mason Horner	40	2			2			40	1		
135	C. A. E. Wass	V. M. Hare	86				1		2	83	16		3
138	E. W. Pearson	J. Reidford	204	1	1	1			2	205	64	1	
139		R. Anderson	48							48	12		
140	J. W. McGregor	Oliver Cole	184			5	3	5	2	179	2		5
143	R. A. Stewart	W. S. McLean	30							30	4		
144	H. M. Webster	Vernon Coulter	37							37	1		
145	W. E. Pomeroy	W. R. Ledger	548	8	3		5	4	13	537	148		11
146	J. E. Smith	W. H. Sargent	73				2			70	1		3
147	R. L. Treleaven	Cameron McDonald	54	3					1	56		2	
148	K. J. Mitchell	D. A. Irvine	36	1					1	36	1		
149	T. O. Sandmoen	Wm. Hirst	54	1			2		1	52	8		2
150	W. J. Snow	A. E. Selway	217	4				35	3	183	86		34
151	A. R. Fraser	C. W. Fraser	76	2			2			76			
152	K. C. Ferguson	J. R. Angus	106	6			1	2	2	107	18	1	
153	John Burnett	D. F. Johnson	98				2	4	3	89			9
154	E. O. Ellingsen	G. H. Capell	92	4					3	91	57		1
155	J. A. Sager	H. K. Oglesby	74			1	1	3		71	4		3
161	D. Kernaham	S. Embury	121	2			2	19		102	10		19
163	F. L. Meisner	J. R. Gray	102	2			2	3		99	4		3
164	H. J. Turner	A. Petherick	46						1	45	3		1
167	J. J. Robins	R. R. Wilson	147						4	143	28		4
168	R. M. Loche	A. J. Meyers	89	1		1	1	2		88	25		1
169	H. C. Clifford	J. H. Brown	115	2		1	4	6	1	107	22		8
175	E. C. Hull	Sam Vila	118		2		1		3	116	5		2
184	B. Beattie	J. A. Bell	50						1	49			1
185	John V. Mills	Robt. Somerville	173	2	1		6		4	166	43		7
195	Harry Morris	R. W. Hall	67						1	66	6		1
198	P. C. Noy	H. H. Reid	124	3	1	1		5	6	118	22		6
203	Chas. Chellew	A. C. Whitehead	101	2			3		3	97	39		4
205	J. Kerr	Thos. R. Johnstone	47	3	1		1		1	49	17	2	
210	J. A. Gamble	A. Walker	53		1	1	1	2	1	51	22		2
212	Max Cooper	Donald Clapham	83	2			2	1		82	15		1
213	Jas. E. Whaley	H. P. Shantz	118	7	1	1	2	1	1	123	30	5	
214	W. R. Luke	F. N. Smith	56	2			1		1	56	13		
215	L. K. Redmonds	E. J. Everett	84						3	81	6		3
217	T. C. Kremer	J. A. Mackie	107		1				3	104	2		3
218	T. E. Ferguson	T. Ivan Edwards	36				3			33			3
219	J. L. Hewson	David Colman	73	1	1	3	7	3	1	67	8		6
220	J. H. Dicken	W. M. Creech	67	3			1		1	68		1	
221	A. L. Baldwin	W. S. Hunter	56					4		52	4		4

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222	Ottawa.....	Ottawa.....	Third Monday.....
223	Abitibi.....	Iroquois Falls.....	Fourth Friday.....
224	Keystone.....	Hamilton.....	First Monday.....
225	Beaver.....	Toronto.....	Second Wednesday.....
226	Prince of Wales.....	Perth.....	Third Thursday.....
227	Quinte Friendship.....	Belleville.....	Second Tuesday.....
230	Port Credit.....	Port Credit.....	Third Thursday.....
231	The St. Clair.....	Toronto.....	Second Thursday.....
232	King Cyrus.....	Toronto.....	Third Tuesday.....
233	Oakwood.....	Toronto.....	First Thursday.....
234	Halton.....	Georgetown.....	Third Friday.....
235	Aurora.....	Aurora.....	Third Friday.....
236	Caledonia.....	Caledonia.....	Fourth Thursday.....
238	The St. Andrew.....	London.....	Second Wednesday.....
239	Blenheim.....	Blenheim.....	First Wednesday.....
240	Smithville.....	Smithville.....	Second Monday after F.M..
241	University.....	Toronto.....	First Tuesday.....
242	St. Paul's.....	Lambeth.....	Second Tuesday.....
243	McKay.....	Stoney Creek.....	Second Wednesday.....
244	Cochrane.....	Cochrane.....	.....
245	Preston.....	Preston.....	Third Monday.....
246	Humber.....	Weston.....	Third Friday.....
247	Nilestown.....	Nilestown.....	Third Thursday.....
248	Dochert.....	Arnprior.....	First Monday.....
249	Palestine.....	Bowmanville.....	Third Monday.....
250	Thomas Peter's.....	Windsor.....	Second Wednesday.....
251	Kirkland.....	Kirkland Lake.....	Second Wednesday.....
252	Hiawatha.....	Sarnia.....	Fourth Thursday.....
253	Regal.....	Port Dover.....	Second Wednesday.....

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222	C. H. Hagan.....	A. H. McKee.....	154	1	..	4	..	2	..	149	37	..	5
223	Parker Faler.....	J. R. Spence.....	45	..	..	1	..	..	..	44	..	..	1
224	C. E. Fisher.....	J. S. Drysdale.....	119	..	..	2	8	2	..	107	23	..	12
225	James Neville.....	Sam Spencer.....	96	2	..	1	3	3	..	93	6	..	3
226	W. H. Bradley.....	Chris. M. Forbes.....	55	1	..	..	..	1	..	55	..	..	..
227	H. J. Andrews.....	W. M. Barlow.....	113	3	..	1	1	2	..	112	25	..	1
230	S. C. Tucker.....	W. A. Maxwell.....	79	2	..	..	..	1	..	80	1	..	..
231	Elmer Sager.....	A. W. Lankin.....	136	1	1	..	11	1	5	121	21	..	15
232	Wm. Ogilvie.....	E. W. Hazard.....	83	1	..	..	..	1	..	83	4	..	..
233	W. E. Gardner.....	John Burns.....	72	..	..	2	..	1	..	69	1	..	3
234	E. N. McCormack.....	George Dobson.....	64	1	1	..	2	11	1	52	3	..	12
235	F. D. Lacey.....	F. R. Underhill.....	63	3	..	1	..	1	..	64	15	1	..
236	M. McAlpine.....	M. E. Forster.....	45	3	..	..	..	..	..	48	..	3	..
238	J. A. Stevens.....	A. V. Sedgwick.....	79	2	1	..	1	..	..	81	..	2	..
239	J. W. Carpenter.....	G. C. Rutherford.....	47	5	1	4	1	..	..	56	..	9	..
240	Frank Hays.....	C. A. Merritt.....	34	..	..	..	..	..	..	34	..	..	..
241	J. E. Tilson.....	N. W. J. Haydon.....	95	2	1	..	10	3	..	85	15	..	10
242	R. G. Henderson.....	G. U. Howell.....	49	..	..	..	..	1	1	47	2	..	2
243	H. B. Lobb.....	R. Wray.....	29	..	..	..	..	..	..	29	3	..	..
244	.....	.....	78	..	..	58	..	..	..	20	..	..	58
245	C. Schmiedendorf.....	H. L. Clare.....	51	2	1	..	..	..	..	54	2	3	..
246	O. H. Sloan.....	W. E. Dollery.....	63	2	..	..	..	5	1	59	3	..	4
247	Robt. Stannard.....	John Taman.....	63	5	..	..	..	1	..	67	7	4	..
248	G. R. Clarke.....	A. S. McLaren.....	41	..	..	..	..	5	..	36	..	..	5
249	L. F. McLaughlin.....	L. W. Dippill.....	63	1	..	..	..	1	..	63	..	..	..
250	C. E. Saunders.....	M. Honeyman.....	117	11	..	2	2	6	1	121	22	4	..
251	J. C. Adamson.....	Colin Clarke.....	95	2	2	..	..	2	..	97	2	2	..
252	Geo. W. Parker.....	Ed. J. Marshall.....	79	..	..	4	2	..	..	73	..	..	6
253	H. J. H. Barrett.....	W. A. Ferguson.....	57	..	..	1	..	1	..	55	..	..	2
			17252	270	51	54	322	333	355	116617	3876	79	714

SUSPENSIONS

Chapter

- No. 3. Chas. W. Alford, W. E. Cooper, Edward Goble, John W. Griffith, R. H. Pape, Fred. Thomson.
- No. 5. William Edward Elwood, Fred. Thompson, Charles Wilbert McDonald, Eric C. Winnett, John Whipple Mixer.
- No. 6. W. S. Bavystock, G. Buchanan, H. Burnison, G. R. Ironside, G. A. Masson, W. A. Roussell, J. A. Slocombe, J. G. Tait.
- No. 8. William Wheelans, Richard J. Lillico.
- No. 16. James Howard Shaver, Reuben Asa Shaver, James Harris Young, Alfred Bernard Adams, Donald MacKeigan, Heber Pierce Goodfellow.
- No. 18. Charles F. Misner, Wilber Garfield Young, J. A. G. Webb, Leslie A. Westcott, Ross Mooney, Jas. M. McKay, Norman McLeod, Charles Lampman, Vincent T. Hower.
- No. 23. Frank Ryerse, Walter Dougherty Farrow, Herbert Edgar Harris.
- No. 26. Hartley Watson, Harold Preston Steinburg, Oscar Kerr, Byron Leonard Fairar.
- No. 27. Frederick Dey, Thomloe J. Price.
- No. 28. Fred. Alexander Thompson, William Arthur Mathews, Alexander Henry Hyde, William Douglas Evans, Peter Franklin Maitland, Mervin T. Saunders.
- No. 29. Daniel Glenney, O. C. Pemberton.
- No. 34. George Livingstone, Wm. Poole, Wm. G. Clute.
- No. 40. Harvey George Ziegler, George Fairley, Harry Mullen, Walter E. Bluhm.
- No. 41. Arthur Russel Seldon, David F. Garlick, Arthur Herb. McDonald.
- No. 44. Wm. Douglas Dollar, Wm. Clark Gault.
- No. 54. Lorne Walker Loney, George T. Stewart, Norman Paddon, George E. Purkiss, Wilfred Marsland, Alfred McIntyre.
- No. 56. J. Herbert Brownlee, N. E. McDonald, F. E. Logan, R. R. Quigley, R. F. Slater, James Tugman.
- No. 57. Frederick Richard Johnson, Isaac Wats Mitchner, William Franklin Burket, Avery Neff, Bertram C. Wrigley, Luther Watkin, John McArthur.
- No. 64. Ralph Bradburn.
- No. 65. Walter Carruthers Towers.
- No. 68. Joseph E. Love, Wilfred S. Morrison.
- No. 73. Duncan R. McDiarmid, F. M. Deare, Glen. C. Rutherford, T. Lorne Robinson, Jas. A. Anderson, John Bradley, Stewart S. Adams, Randolph Priestly, Christopher Brown, Alexander Rockey.
- No. 75. George Henry Robinson.
- No. 77. Wm. George Beasley.
- No. 79. Harold F. Locke.
- No. 81. William Millard, Frederick R. Yeomans.
- No. 82. Arthur J. Message, Cecil C. Melville, James G. McIntosh, D. L. McMillan, James McAskill, Gordon V. Pearce, Albert Rowland, James E. Switzer, R. H. Smith, L. C. Straw, James Whaley, S. L. Wells, Frank Woods, T. M. Graham.
- No. 95. Hugh Henry McNairney, Luther Stanley Hart, James Robert McGinn, Albert Fred. Leach.

Chapter

- No. 102. Samuel Biggins, John M. Kaine, Adolph Edward Zhilat.
- No. 103. Hugo Louis Gomoll, Stanley John Moffatt, John Morris Graham, Gordon Frederick Wield, Robert L. McIntosh, James Christian Gray.
- No. 110. H. T. Sine.
- No. 112. Earl W. Casselman, W. A. Brown, Claude Winfield Hanes.
- No. 114. Gordon V. Adams.
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*W. M. Wilson.....	1857	*Wm. Gibson.....	1901-2
*Thompson Wilson.....	1858	*A. Shaw.....	1903-4
*T. D. Harington.....	1859-60	*William Roaf.....	1905-6
*John C. Franck.....	1861-2	*John Leslie.....	1907-8
*T. D. Harington.....	1863-4-5-6	*George Moore.....	1909-10
	7-8-9-70-1	*Fred W. Harcourt.....	1911-2
*S. B. Harman.....	1872	*Daniel F. Macwatt.....	1913-4
*C. D. Macdonell.....	1873	*Wm. S. R. Murch.....	1915-6
*Jas. Seymour.....	1874	*A. S. Gorrell, M.D.....	1917-8
*L. H. Henderson.....	1875-6	*Wm. N. Ponton.....	1919-20
*F. J. Menet.....	1877-8	*H. S. Griffin, M.D.....	1921
*Daniel Spry.....	1879-80	*Richard H. Spencer.....	1922-3
*Donald Ross.....	1881-2	Walter H. Davis.....	1924-5
*H. Macpherson.....	1883-4	*Kenneth J. Dunstan.....	1926-7
*Thos. Sargent.....	1885-6	Edwin Smith.....	1928-9
*Robt. Hendry, Jr.....	1887	Walter G. Price, D.D.S.....	1930-1
*R. B. Hungerford.....	1888-9	*Chas. W. Haentschel, M.D.....	1932-3
*J. J. Mason.....	1890-1	*Alexander Cowan.....	1934
*J. E. Harding.....	1892-3	George L. Gardiner.....	1935-6
*J. Ross Robertson.....	1894-5	Wm. Y. Mills.....	1937-8
*M. Walsh.....	1896-7-8	Llewellyn F. Stephens.....	1939-40
*Wm. G. Reid.....	1899-1900	John M. Empey.....	1941

Honourary Past Grand First Principals Z. of the Grand Chapter of Canada

	Elected		Elected
*Henry Robertson.....	1888	*E. T. Malone.....	1919
*Kivas Tully.....	1891	*A. T. Freed.....	1920
*Hugh Murray.....	1903	*Sir John M. Gibson.....	1922
Harry H. Watson.....	1909	Roderick B. Dargavel.....	1941

Grand Scribes E. of the Grand Chapter of Canada

*Thomas B. Harris.....	1857-73	*Thomas Sargent.....	1892-8
*R. P. Stephens.....	1874-5	*George J. Bennett.....	1899-1915
*Daniel Spry.....	1876-7	*Henry T. Smith.....	1916-1928
*David McLellan.....	1878-91	Edwin Smith.....	1929-1941

* Deceased.

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FOREWORD

Like a glimpse of the evening star through a passing cloud Masonry in all its ramifications stands as a monument of Peace, Good-will and Brotherhood, a ray of God-given sunshine that brings light and happiness into the darkened places and admonishes us to observe those Divine Commands laid down for our guidance by the Great Jehovah on whose Holy Word the whole structure of Masonry has been reared.

A perusal of the proceedings of the Capitulur World indicates a uniformity of thought and comment that would verge upon the monotonous were it not for an occasional flash of wit, a profusion of poetical gems, some sound logic, and here and there an inspired soul who chronicles events in an optimistic strain.

Royal Arch Masonry, as depicted by the corps of experienced Craftsmen who act in a reportorial capacity in writing the reports on Foreign Correspondence, presents somewhat of an analogy. Depressing references to a shrinking membership are proportionately offset by glowing tributes to the work of Constituent Chapters—these, with few exceptions, record increased interest, attendance and more pronounced enthusiasm. Perhaps, it is a separation of the chaff from the golden grain—the weeding out of obnoxious growths leaving the flowers of love, loyalty and sincerity to bloom in all their fragrance and beauty, their growth no longer impaired by unsightly weeds that sap their energy and stunt their growth. The strength of our beloved order is measured not alone by its numerical standing but by the number of its devotees who understand and appreciate its cardinal principles. As the outer world formulates its opinion of Masonry by the individual member it is obvious that the loss of those who are Masons in name only is not a matter for regret but rather a movement towards increased strength. With a membership shorn of the doubtful and indifferent and purged of the profane and unworthy the Royal Craft may raise its head with pride and confidence and challenge the scrutiny of those who rant about the character of Masons and are happy only when they seek an answer to the hackneyed query “What is Masonry doing to justify its existence?”

As we read and write of Peace, Love and Harmony our thoughts wander far afield from the realm of Masonry. We focus our attention upon the conditions that prevail in a world of conflict and chaos. Like the seven headed serpent of Biblical days — lust for power, greed, avarice and bestial brutality raises its head and seeks to devour those nations which still believe in the existence of a true and living God Most High. To disintegrate and bring ruin to those countries where the rights of the people are paramount in the hearts of their rulers, where freedom of religion, of thought, of trade and in the selection of their own form of government still survive and are the liberties for which they stand four-square to every wind that blows.

In this hour of darkness our hearts beat warmly for our kith and kin of the Motherland. With what pride and admiration we read of the courage and fortitude of the civil population, how we glory in the heroic achievements of our armed forces on sea, on land and in the air and with what fervour we sing:—

Land of hope and glory
Mother of the Free
How shall we extoll thee
Who art born of thee

We join with our fellow citizens of the British Empire and with free-men wherever they may be in a prayer to the Giver-of-all-Good that success may attend our arms, that freedom may be preserved for posterity and that the day may not be too far distant when the power of democracy may prevail against the brute strength of an enslaved people and establish for all eternity the supremacy of right over might.

As we view from afar the battle line we are constrained to paraphrase a few lines written many years ago, but, which seem at this time even more appropriate than when they were written:—

Undaunted in peril and foremost in danger
Ever ready the rights of mankind to defend.
The guard of the weak, support of the stranger
To oppression a foe, to freedom a friend
Amid the rude scenes of dismay and commotion
When war first its black banner unfurled
Yet firm as a rock in her own native ocean
Stands Britain the anchor and hope of the world.

Seemingly we have reached that point where reason ends and faith begins. God give us the faith necessary to face the future, for the call is clear, we must pass on the signal, the flag, the symbol of the triune cross, and kindle the beacon fires. We cannot all be fighting men but as we wave that flag that has braved a thousand years the battle and the breeze, we must all be men of courage, loyal and ready to play our part—whatever that part may be, for we have learned in the comradeship of life:—

To count that life of battle good
And dear the land that gave us birth
But dearer still the brotherhood
That binds the brave of all the earth.

And so, my friends, we turn another page in the golden book of time, complete another Capitular review, my story is told and as I inscribe the ancient phrase "*factum est*," I bid you a fond adieu and may we meet again 'neath brighter skies.

Teach us delight in simple things
And mirth that has no bitter springs
Forgiveness free of evil done
And love to all men 'neath the sun.

GEO. L. GARDINER,
Historian and Reviewer.

ALABAMA

Roscoe O. Fleming, Grand High Priest.

Guy T. Smith, Grand Secretary.

The One Hundred and Thirteenth Annual was held in the City of Montgomery, December 4th, 1939.

The Grand High Priest after opening Grand Chapter in ample form called upon the Grand Chaplain for the opening invocation.

The roll of Grand Representatives was called and we are glad to note the attendance of Comp. Walter F. Estes who ably represents Canada.

It is interesting to learn that one commission was revoked for non-attendance for three successive years. We heartily approve of this action and are firmly convinced that Grand Representatives who can not or will not faithfully represent the Grand Chapter whose commissions they hold should be replaced by more active members.

The G.H.P. in his address urges Chapter officers to work in the closest harmony with the Craft Lodge. In an official communication to the Constituent Chapters M. Ex. Comp. Fleming among other things says:—

“Waiting for better times is a waste of the present, the only time we have with us. There is work to do now. It may not be the easiest, nor the most pleasant, but it is the most necessary and only through the rough and rugged road may we accomplish the work that is to be done and earn the reward. We can do it if we will work and all work together and we shall win the reward if we do.”

The balance of his address covers his official acts for the year and an expression of appreciation to his Officers and Committees for their co-operation and assistance.

At this juncture M.W. Bro. E. F. Yielding, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, T. Gaines, G.M. Royal and Select Masters, and William W. Waldo, representing the Knights Templar, were received and warmly welcomed.

From a very eloquent report on Necrology we quote this beautiful sentiment:—

“The great Christian family, whose members are thus going, one by one, in peace and triumph, from the earthly house to the house of many mansions on high, feel that heaven and earth are but a little way apart and that they have friends and loved ones in both. And every time the close of a human life in this world is adorned and the beauty of peace and the glory of faith, death is disarmed of its sting, the victory is won from the grave, the blessed life is brought so near that the living own its worth and feel its power.”

M. Ex. Comp. McCormick presented a most interesting report on Masonry, closing with the following:—

"Men of America, Masons, Companions and Brethren, awake! The enemies of liberty, fraternity and equality, are not only at our doors, but cleverly and skilfully have infiltrated within our ranks, waiting only for the word of command, to strike us down while we remain in listless idleness, apathy and indifference, or while we sleep in fatuous inactivity O ye of little faith, how great is thy temerity when thou chooseth to do thus."

We regret that no report on Fraternal Correspondence appears in the printed proceedings.

William C. Davies was elected G.H.P. and duly installed as such by M. Ex. Comp. W. W. Ransom.

The Order of High Priesthood convened at the close of Grand Chapter.

Alabama is capably represented near the Grand Chapter of Canada by John W. Lawrence of Toronto.

ALBERTA

H. W. B. Bell, Grand First Principal.

C. A. MacPherson, Grand Scribe E.

The Twenty-sixth Annual Convocation held at Calgary on May 8th, 1940.

Grand Chapter opened in ample form with M. Ex. Comp. Bell in the chair, eight P.G. First Principals being present.

In tending a Civic Welcome Mayor Davison of Calgary remarked that he was happy to be introduced by an Irishman and received by a Scotchman. He said, "I grant you the freedom of the City, whatever that may mean, and with no cost to the City", from this latter comment we are inclined to think that Comp. Davison also hails frae the land of the heather.

M. Ex. Comp. Jackson and a number of distinguished Companions from the Grand Chapter of British Columbia received a warm fraternal welcome.

M. Ex. Comp. Bell delivered a pleasing report on the year's work and progress. Among other comments we find this of interest:—

"When we met last year our whole Dominion was joyfully welcoming our beloved and their Most Gracious Majesties, King George the Sixth and Queen Elizabeth, on their historical visit to Canada and the United States of America. It was a very happy time for all and the outlook for peace and prosperity seemed assured. No one, not even the most embittered pessimist could have foreseen the world cataclasm which was about to break upon us.

"Among the finer things of life, let us work together for Masonry, for liberty, equality and fraternity, for tolerance and determination to uphold our Masonic institutions, which may be by some valued too lightly. Let us by precept and example show the world that Masons are the most industrious, intelligent and happiest people on earth, be-

side the finest and best citizens in any community. Let us thank the great Jehovah that we are free born and of noble ancestry, that we have found something really worthwhile in Masonry which is synonymous with higher citizenship."

His visitations, decisions, and rulings were all of a routine nature and of course of interest only to the Companions of Alberta.

Fraternal greetings were extended to the Grand Representatives of other Jurisdictions.

Canada's representative, F. S. Watson, is not mentioned among those present.

From the report on Fraternal Dead we quote the words of Hugh Robert Orr in his poem "They Softly Walk":—

"They are not gone who pass
Beyond the clasp of hand,
Out from the strong embrace.
They are but come so close
We need not grope with hands,
Nor look to see, nor try
To catch the sound of feet.
They have but put off their shoes
Softly to walk by day
Within our thoughts, to tread
At night our dream-led paths
Of sleep.

E. G. Ironside presented a brief report on Foreign Correspondence, he states that harmony prevails between Alberta and all other Grand Chapters—he also (much to our regret) states that the Proceedings of other Jurisdictions were not reviewed and prepared for publication. We are sorry that Alberta has decided against published reviews—we firmly believe that these reviews are the visible evidence of that golden thread of Brotherhood which when woven completes the fabric of Masonry.

W. H. Scott was elected and installed as Grand Z.

The Order of High Priesthood convened shortly after the close of Grand Chapter.

M. Ex. Comp. Fea of British Columbia delivered an inspirational address, a line or two of which we are privileged to quote:—

"Surely it is a better and a brighter time in this world of humans: a time when, as an old prophet phrased it, humanity's God "shall be One, and His Name one"; a time when each nation shall be at once self-supporting and self-reliant, and a worthy brother and companion of every other nation: "A time when the war drums throb no longer, and

the battle flags are furled, in the Parliament of Man, the Federation of the World." A time when the dream of the great Scottish poet will be fulfilled, "and man to man, the wide world o'er, shall brothers be for all that."

"Toil away and set the stone
That shall stand when you are gone.
Ask not that another see
The meaning of your Masonry.
Grind the gem and dig the well—
For what? For whom? I cannot tell.
The stone may mark a boundary line,
The well may flow, the gem may shine.
Be it wage enough for you
To shape them well and set them true.
Of the future who can tell?
Work, my friend. And so, Farewell."

"I wonder how many of you have seen that passage in the Book of Ezekiel, where he says, "Make a chain, for the land is full of bloody crimes and the city is full of violence." Yes. Make a chain. The chain is already made. It is a chain of loyal hands and loving hearts, symbolizing Unity and Strength and Love. But, after all, the principles of Truth and Integrity and Love, on which the Masonic Order is based, and which it exists to exemplify and commend, these great principles we are willing to proclaim from the house-tops, that all may know where we stand and what we desire to see fulfilled. And so may we not say, with a fervent seer of today:—

"Ring it aloud from the steeple. Tell it from tower and hill,
Safety and strength for the people, Charity, Hope and Good-will.
Say to the publishing breeze, There is sight for the eyes of the Blind,
Freedom and Faith on the seas; Justice and Peace for Mankind."

Alberta is well represented near our Grand Chapter by our well-beloved Grand Second Principal, John M. Empey—one who is no stranger to Alberta.

BRITISH COLUMBIA—1939

K. K. Reid, Grand Z.

F. C. Bird, Grand Scribe E.

The twenty-first Annual Convocation was held in Victoria on June 21, 1939.

M. Ex. Comp. Kilburn K. Reid opened Grand Chapter in ample form after which the invocation was delivered by M. Ex. Comp. Rev. Dr. S. Fea.

Among the many visitors we note the presence of the G. Z's of Saskatchewan and Alberta and G.H.P. of Oregon.

From the beautifully worded address of the G.Z. we quote a few extracts:—

"I have been imbued with the thought of 'How are we building?' and I cannot do better than quote from John Ruskin, that noted English critic, essayist and social reformer, as follows:—

"Every human action gains in honour, in grace, in all true magnificence, by its regard to things that are to come. Therefore, when we build, let us think that we build forever. Let it not be for present delight nor for present use alone; let it be such work as our descendants will thank us for, and let us think, as we lay stone on stone, that a time is to come when these stones will be held sacred because our hands have touched them, and that men will say, as they look upon the labour and wrought substance of them: 'See, this our fathers did for us!'"

"It is not enough to repeat old platitudes as to right living, arguing so that from the conduct of individual Companions the world can gather ideas of the high moral teachings of the institution. The Companion worth the name was, even before his initiation, a moral man. Knowingly we receive no others within our temples. The prime object of all Masonic association is to further the welfare of the world by bringing together for active and united work men who are beyond the average in mentality and morals. The exemplification given of the advantages and beauties of companionship in the fraternity is not intended solely for our own exclusive benefit. It is for example to the world without, that so the happy and long-looked-for period of universal human kinship may be sensed and brought nearer to realization. When it shall be that every chapter room is recognized as a virile centre of beneficial work for the community, Companions will have begun to build enduringly and well. When it shall be that the generous impulses and altruistic sentiments of Companions go further than expressions in sweet words; when they are carried out earnestly in the world of action, to the righting of wrongs, there will a tide set toward our Chapters, bringing in men worth while. Then will the individual Companion, having Masonic work in hand well worth the doing, of great import to himself and his fellows, be proud indeed of the apron and the title of Royal Arch Mason. And, in the time to come, another generation of Royal Craftsmen, viewing that which he has accomplished, looking 'upon the labour and wrought substance of the stones he has placed, may say: See, this our fathers did for us!'"

Under the caption of Necrology the following:—

"Fraternalism finds its true basis in genuine friendship, the brand of friendship that comes from a mutual feeling of sympathy and understanding. Nowhere do we find this more prevalent than in Capitular Masonry.

"All have a share in the beauty;
All have a part in the plan;
What does it matter what duty
Fall to the lot of man?"

Feeling reference is also made to the passing of M. Ex. Comp. John M. Rudd one of the pioneers of Grand Chapter and for many years Grand Treasurer — a Past Grand Master of Grand Lodge of British Columbia and an outstanding citizen.

Several pages are devoted to a review of the G.Z.'s activities during the year, his visitations, decisions and dispensations closing in these words, "In the year just passed we have experienced both anxious and happy periods, culminating in the great honour and privilege, as loyal subjects of His Majesty the King, to have had the opportunity of welcoming to this fair Province, His Majesty King George VI. and his gracious Consort, Queen Elizabeth."

"Most Gracious Majesty and Noble Queen,
No spoken words of ours can fully tell
The deep and heartfelt pleasure it hath been
To greet the sovereign whom we love so well;
And, by his side, the queen, whom all adore,
The brightest jewel of the British throne,
And fairest daughter ever Scotia bore,
A queen, whom every heart acclaims its own."

From the splendidly written reports of the various Grand Superintendents we learn that interest, enthusiasm, and a spirit of loyal co-operation abound throughout the length and breadth of this active, vigorous, and virile Grand Chapter whose first records indicate that Royal Arch Masonry operated originally in Victoria in 1867 under a warrant from the Grand Chapter of Scotland.

William P. Marchant was elected G.Z. and subsequently installed by our old friend M. Ex. Comp. Harry H. Watson.

The review of Sister jurisdictions is from the experienced pen of J. J. Miller from whose foreword we take the following:—

"The task has been a pleasant one, reading of the joys and the sorrows, of elations and despondencies, of the hopes and the fears of our Companions in two Empires.

"Two Empires by the sea,
Two Nations, great and free
Our Anthems raise,
One race of ancient fame,
One tongue, one faith we claim
One God, whose Glorious Name
We laud and praise."

"In the addresses of Grand High Priests and Grand First Principals, some of which are of the highest order, surveys of Freemasonry generally are made with sympathetic reference to the condition of our brethren in foreign lands where Freemasonry is forbidden and its members persecuted, ill-treated, and even put to death. The question is often asked, 'Whither are we going?, what will the end be?'"

Canada is generously reviewed—quotations from our Grand Z's address and from the last review of the late Col.

W. N. Ponton being given prominence. We read Comp. Miller's kindly reference to Comp. Ponton and thoroughly appreciate his comments — would that the Colonel were alive to read and enjoy this verbal bouquet to which he would undoubtedly have responded in kind. In the death of Col. Ponton we have lost a dear friend and an outstanding exponent of the Masonic Art.

Our Grand Chapter is faithfully represented in British Columbia by H. H. Watson while John M. Burden our energetic Grand Third Principal proudly fills a similar roll near our Grand Chapter.

BRITISH COLUMBIA—1940

W. P. Marchant, Grand Z.

F. C. Bird, Grand Scribe E.

The Twenty-second Annual Convocation was held in New Westminster on June 19, 1940.

Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, M. Ex. Comp. Marchant presiding over 122 delegates from 26 Chapters of the Jurisdiction. Fourteen P.G.Z's were in attendance.

The regular prayers which conclude the opening ceremonies being recited by M. Ex. Comp. Rev. Dr. S. Fea.

Among the many distinguished guests we note the presence of the rulers of the Grand Chapters of the Prairie Provinces, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba — also the G.H.Ps of Oregon and Washington. Mayor Hume of New Westminster tendered a cordial welcome on behalf of the city.

The address of M. Ex. Comp. Marchant is a masterpiece, lengthy but extremely readable. It covers his official acts for the year and contains sage advice and many worthwhile thoughts. We quote his comments under the caption of "War":—

"We meet, my companions, under the shadow of a dreadful conflict, that threatens all that we hold near and dear. Notwithstanding the thoughtful and statesmanlike efforts of our leaders to avoid the strife, it has been forced upon us by those who apparently think lightly or not at all of the awful consequences.

"Worthy citizens, including many members of the Craft, are fighting for our firesides, for our rights and freedom, and for all those worthwhile things of the past, of which we are the heirs, and for which, for the future, we are the trustees.

"Let us then, firmly but humbly resolve that, unitedly and in so far as it is in our power, and regardless of the sacrifice and suffering it may entail on ourselves and those near and dear to us, we will see this

thing through. Convinced of the righteousness of our cause and our trust being in God, let us commit the whole matter to Him, and be ever mindful of the words of that great Freemason, Rudyard Kipling,

“Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget, Lest we forget.”

and in so doing, we need have no fear as to the final outcome, for as surely as a righteous God is in His high heaven, so surely the right must and will prevail.”

We note among his rulings and dispensations that the Past Masters Degree must be conferred before a candidate may be exalted to the H.R.A. and further that he must pass a satisfactory examination in the P.M. Degree before exaltation.

This ruling is of interest to us in view of the fact that here in the Province of Ontario the P.M.'s Degree has long since been removed from our ritual. We also noted that the G.Z. appointed a committee to revise the Forms and Ceremonies at present in use. The book of Ceremonies are those promulgated and published by the Grand Chapter of Canada and while no radical changes are contemplated the G.Z. and the Committee feel that they should have Forms and Ceremonies that are especially written to suit the requirements of their Grand Chapter.

In commenting upon Masonry in general the G.Z. reminds us that in 1813 the United Grand Lodge of England declared that Antient Freemasonry shall consist of the Entered Apprentice, the Fellowcraft, the Master Mason, and the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch — he adds the following:—

I would not like to be misunderstood. I have no doubt whatever that other systems, ceremonies and degrees built on the three craft degrees teach many beautiful lessons and that through them, many fine friendships and companionships are formed, but let us Masonically put first things first, and the first light which should be offered to and which should be sought by a Master Mason is surely to be found in the degrees of Capitular Masonry.”

The Grand Z. concludes an inspiring address with these wholesome words:—

“This, my companions, is the glorious, inspiring and exalted message of Royal Arch Masonry. Briefly recall the complete Masonic narrative as taught us by our legends and traditions. Men engaged in useful work for the benefit of their fellow man and the glory of God—sharing secrets essential to the prosecution of that work—wrong doing and the loss of those secrets—the destruction of the work and the preservation of the secrets by a faithful few.

“Isn't this allegorically the history of the world since time began? Following the true God—Forsaking Him and setting up idols—Worshipping Him—Substituting false ideologies and philosophies—God

enthroned — God discarded and nationalism, racial pride and personal ambition rampant.

"Truly this distressed world, and all its peoples need to rediscover the genuine secrets, and may we as Royal Arch Masons, notwithstanding the present outlook and regardless of present results, humbly and reverently consecrate and dedicate our lives to this end."

Stanley Gordon was elected and installed as Grand Z.

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence was written by that well-known and greatly appreciated Reviewer from whose foreword the following is an extract:—

"As I pen this greeting the guns are roaring in Europe along a battle front of 125 miles. The devil has been let loose, and is going about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Never in the history of the world has there been such an outrage on nations, cruelty, oppression, utter disregard for human life and the rights of others. What is it all about? Simply lust for Power and Domination. How long, O Lord, how long? The spirit of Freemasonry has been disregarded, subjugated, and practically annihilated. Thank God, we on the North American Continent still enjoy the privileges of Brotherhood and the Fraternity unrestricted, unhampered, favored by those in Authority who recognize in the Institution of Freemasonry an influence for good in the Community."

Canada as usual receives friendly consideration and in the Review we find little of importance that has been omitted. We do appreciate to the full the kindly reference to our First Review published with the proceedings of 1940. We also are grateful for the words of welcome and trust that with the passing of time we shall prove worthy of a seat at the Round Table whereat the Corps of Reviewers exchange ideas, develop ideals and strive to strengthen the threefold cord that binds us one to the other in love and unity. We note Comp. Miller's remarks anent our failure to include the sun-kissed Province of British Columbia in our last review. Sorry Comp. Miller but your proceedings did not reach us in time for inclusion in the 1940 report. However, in view of your very neighborly, courteous and all too complimentary remarks we have served you a double portion this year and trust that our previous omissions may be forgiven.

CALIFORNIA

Carl L. Alexander, Grand High Priest.

Thomas A. Davies, Grand Secretary.

The Eighty-Sixth Annual held in San Francisco on April 20th, 1940.

Grand Chapter opened with prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the United States Flag was presented at the Altar with appropriate ceremonies and then placed in the East.

Distinguished guests were then received, welcomed and accorded Grand Honours.

Grand Representatives, including Angus L. Cavanagh representing Canada, were then formally received.

Thirteen P.G.H.P.'s were in attendance.

From the extremely interesting address of the G.H.P. we quote the following:—

"We should be happy in the thought that it is still possible for an organization such as ours to meet, to hold convocation, and to assemble in the character of Masons without being watched by the prying eyes of the lieutenants of a despotic potentate who has gained control of governmental functions by usurping power not intended to be vested in his particular office or position in the state or nation.

"We observe that Masonry has been driven to cover in many places, forced from its native states, seeking refuge in friendlier countries or locked in prisons and banished to desert islands.

"Masonry is a democratic institution and can only exist in a nation where the public officials, those in power, are the servants of the people whom they govern. We are thankful that we are still a free people, still living under a constitution that is being and should be enforced for the benefit of all the people."

From M. Ex. Comp. Alexander's report on visitations one cannot fail to be impressed by the tremendous demands upon his time. He visited one hundred Chapters, other Jurisdictions and many other Masonic bodies, travelling 30,000 miles during the year. Truly he gave generously of his time and talents in the performance of his duty as G.H.P.

In his concluding remarks he expressed appreciation for the splendid support received from his officers and P.G.H.P.'s and ends his address in these words:—

"May we all go forth from this convocation to our respective homes with solemn vow to increase our efforts in disseminating knowledge of a true and perfect work to our less informed brethren."

Prefacing the proceedings we find the portrait of M. Ex. Comp. Alexander and a brief biographical sketch, we like this tribute:—

"But the true tale of his Masonic career is no mere parade of dates and capital letters. It is a rather clear, abundant record of dependable service; or, if you like, a charming, simple romance of an engaging personality, coupled with rather uncanny efficiency."

The fiscal affairs of Grand Chapter appears to be in a healthy and encouraging condition—cash on hand being in the neighborhood of \$37,000.00, while total assets are \$97,732.55—an increase over 1939 of \$800.00.

The special committee dealing with the rule of Grand Lodge which prohibits a Master Mason from joining any other Masonic body for six months after receiving his M.M. Degree reported that representations to Grand Lodge to have this regulation rescinded were duly considered by a committee of Grand Lodge who reported adversely — claiming that the rule had been in effect for seventeen years — and they could see no justification for making any change. So the six month rule remains in force. From a strictly outsider's viewpoint we feel that this restriction is narrow and can quite understand the Grand Chapter's feeling with respect to this regulation which in our opinion is unfair, dictatorial and almost un-masonic.

Grand Lecturer D. B. Richards presented his twenty-third report and a fine report it is — his reference to the care and use of rituals is indeed timely. We also applaud his remarks with reference to a more rigid observance of dignity and reverence in the conferring of capitialar degrees.

Walter C. Haight was elected and regularly installed as G.H.P. by M. Ex. Comp. L. E. Thomas.

The Order of High Priesthood convened at the close of Grand Chapter.

We are glad indeed to note that California again publishes a review and from William T. Paullin's foreword we are constrained to quote these thoughtful lines:—

"Once upon a time we each solemnly consecrated ourselves. Have we forgotten? The Almighty will not forsake the man true to his vows. Coherence of fundamental purpose must arise from the community of our obligations. Intent is not sufficient; there must be action. Fertile but unsown fields are around us. May we complain if there be no harvest? Let us rededicate ourselves. Tomorrow then will not be faced with dread, but with justified hope that it will bring us nearer to the realization of the Supreme Architect's plan."

Canada is fully reviewed in a friendly manner. Nothing seems to have been overlooked and we particularly appreciate the neighbourly reference to the late Col. W. N. Ponton.

We extend our congratulations to Comp. Paullin upon a most capable review.

California is well represented in Canada by Chas. H. Burgess of Port Credit, Ontario.

COLORADO

Hugh E. Clucas, Grand High Priest.

Charles A. Patton, Grand Secretary.

The Sixty-Fifth annual was held in Denver on September 21, 1939.

Grand Chapter was opened in ample form by the G.H.P. who was ably supported by seventeen Past G.H.P.'s.

Edwin D. Crites, G.H.P. Nebraska, Stanley C. Warner, representing the Scottish Rite, Charles A. Shroads G.M. Royal and Select Masters and the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Colorado were presented and most cordially received with honours befitting their rank in Masonry.

Grand Representatives were then introduced and among those answering the call we are very happy to note Canada's estimable representative, Stanley C. Warner.

M. Ex. Comp. Clucas presented his annual address, covering in clear, concise terms a record of the year's work. Under condition of the Craft he makes reference to a slight decrease in membership but comments upon the splendid spirit evinced by the officers and members of the subordinate Chapters. He concludes a very fine address in the following words:—

"With the chaos and strife in the world today, the problems confronting use are not idle dreams. We must, as never before, exert ourselves to overcome them and we must, each of us, assume our full share of responsibility and lend our assistance to the work.

"Our country and the world needs now, as never before in our lives, the good influences of Freemasonry. I am firmly convinced that the influence and guidance of the great "I AM" will finally prevail and triumph over the various "ISMS" now seeking to wreck humanity, and that we, as HIS followers and messengers, should so conduct ourselves that when the opportune moment arrives we shall not be found wanting.

"And finally, my Companions, I beseech you to keep faith with our obligations to the Fraternity and to your Government, to the end that we may not again become embroiled in another world conflict and catastrophe, never letting ourselves get out of touch with the great Jehovah.

"Come, clear the way, then, clear the way,
Blind creeds the Kings have had their day;
Break the dead branches from the path,
Our hope is in the aftermath.
Our hope is in heroic men,
Star-led to build the world again;
To this event the ages ran,
Make way for Brotherhood—make way for man."

While no printed reviews appear in the Proceedings, Edwin H. Snyder presented a report on Correspondence from which we quote the following lines:—

"It was a perilous elevation from which we fell. History records similar instances in the past. Humanity appears to be wedded to cycles of enthusiasm, always followed by similar periods of depression. A return to normal conditions has never yet failed. The evidence at hand convincingly proves that Royal Arch Masonry is coming into its own."

The Committee on memorials paid glowing tribute to the late M. Ex. Comp. Robert A. Steen, P.G.H.P., a short paragraph of which we quote:—

“Most Excellent Companion Steen has left an enduring memory in the hearts of those who knew and loved him, who remember his kindness of heart, his unselfishness, and his willingness to serve others. The memories of associations with him will long remain with his many friends, and the influence of his early life will never end.”

Following the election of officers Walter G. Sackett was installed as G.H.P. and was presented with new regalia suitable to his advanced rank, while the retiring P.G.H.P. Hugh E. Clucas was the recipient of a P.G.H.P.'s Jewel.

The Annual Convention of the Order of High Priesthood was held at the close of Grand Chapter.

Colorado's representative in Canada is a very active Craftsman, Albert E. Bryson of Toronto.

CONNECTICUT

Richard Hughes, Grand High Priest.

William L. Cort, Grand Secretary.

The One Hundred and Forty-Second Annual was held in Hartford, on May 14, 1940.

Grand Chapter opened with a full observance of the ancient ceremonies.

Grand Representatives were received and welcomed. George N. Delap doing the honours for Canada.

The hospitality and established friendships no doubt provide the lode-stone which attract such a large number of visitors to Connecticut, New York, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Maine, New Jersey, and Virginia—all being represented by their G.H. Priests, while the Grand master of Royal and Select Masters, the Grand Commander of the Knights Templar and the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut were present to represent their respective Grand Bodies. All received a warm fraternal greeting and honours befitting their stations in the Craft.

An interesting interlude in the deliberations of Grand Chapter was the presentation to the Deputy G.H.P. of a plaque—specially designed and having inserted on its face Chapter pennies from every chapter in the State. This unique gift was presented to the Deputy G.H.P. by his brother, as a token of affection and interest in his career.

The address of the G.H.P., while not lengthy, is decidedly interesting and contains a resume of his official acts during his tenure of office. His comments on present day conditions as related to Royal Arch Masonry is somewhat like a ray of sun-light in an otherwise cloudy sky. He suggests that the Royal Craft is making a gradual if only slight advancement. Increased interest and attendance provide the barometer upon which he bases his opinion. But let him tell it in his own words:—

“‘Above all nations is humanity.’ Such being true, I can emphasize the statement that I believe we are now nearing or are in the dawn of a new day for our beloved principles of Free Masonry.

“We have a right to be proud of our past and our national power and dignity, but our advancing civilization carrying with it freedom and education will, of necessity, mean changes of approach. Such changes are now going on as we observe in an ever increasing growth of intercourse between various groups. Masonically, in Connecticut this year, we have had several convocations with large attendances.

“Greater activity will engender growth both within and from without. The past is across the water. The future is here and in our keeping. We can do all that can be done to solve our problems and fulfil the hopes of our companions. Let us not fail, but accept our responsibilities.”

His tributes to the Fraternal dead are eloquently expressed; the following are excerpts:—

“The fondest desire of every man is that he shall be remembered. To attain that desire is wholly within the power of each of us in accordance with our way of life. If in our hearts the ancient fires of truth and devotion are kept alive and in our minds are the desires of helpful and unstinted service to those about us, then have we laid not only the foundation, but erected the building which will enshrine our memory through the years.”

“Thy day has come, not gone:
Thy sun has risen, not set:
Thy life is now beyond
Thy reach of death or change,
Not ended, but begun,
Oh, noble soul, Oh, gentle heart
Hail and farewell.”

This very fine address concludes with a note of appreciation to all who assisted him during the year. The final words being:—

“To my successor, I wish a most prosperous new year and a greater spread of our Masonic ideals.”

The reports of the various officers all indicate a concurrence in the expressed opinion of the G.H.P. that Royal Arch Masonry is on the move in Connecticut.

We are particularly impressed with the opening comments of the report of the Committee of Custodians. Truly a splendid definition of modern-day Masonry, we quote:—

“Not Crusaders, not men trying to make the world over, but just trying to come a little closer together.”

We regret the absence of any Capitular review, but take this opportunity of expressing the opinion that the proceedings of Connecticut are compiled and presented in a most attractive form and should provide delectable reading to all who are privileged to receive a copy.

Eugene H. Ellis, having been elected G.H.P., was duly installed into office by M. Ex. Comp. W. O. Shelley.

Connecticut is represented in Canada by one of our most active veterans, Harvey J. Milne, of Kingston, Ontario.

DELAWARE

C. E. Beatty, Grand High Priest.

Jno. W. Macklem, Grand Secretary.

The Seventieth Annual held in Wilmington on January 19, 1938.

A Review of the Delaware Proceedings which, by the way, have just come to hand seems like delving into ancient history. The proceedings are 1938—we have not received 1939 or 1940 as yet, but, are including the somewhat belated 1938 Proceedings in our review in the hope that we may establish a closer and more regular contact with our Companions in Delaware.

Grand Chapter was duly opened, the G.H.P. being supported by sixteen Past Rulers of Delaware.

Distinguished visitors from Pennsylvania, New York, District of Columbia, New Jersey, Virginia, Maryland, Maine and Connecticut were officially welcomed.

The Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Delaware and the Grand Master of Royal and Select Masters were greeted and accorded fitting honours.

The address of the G.H.P. is remarkable for its brevity, consisting of a concise report of his official acts during the year.

His reference to the Fraternal Dead concludes with the old familiar lines:—

“Lives of great men oft remind us
We may make our lives sublime
And departing, leave behind us
Foot-prints in the sands of time.”

Geo. S. Scott answered for Canada when the roll of Grand Representative was called.

The report of the Grand Treasurer indicates that the financial affairs of Grand Chapter are in capable hands.

The report of the committee on Necrology commences with:—

“The lights have gone out in their mansions of clay.
The veils drawn open and souls fled away;
They silently moved out of earth living night,
To take up abodes in the Heaven of Light.”

Referring to those who have passed to the Great Beyond—the committee pays tribute to their memory in these words:—

“They have attained their quest: their labours and loyalty have been rewarded: their good work in the quarries of life have disclosed to them at last the secret of immortality.

“But could we know how short the night
That falls and hides them from our sight,
Our hearts would sing the glad refrain:
Goodbye till morning comes again.”

Thos. J. Day presents his twenty-second report on Fraternal Correspondence. As to be expected from one with such a wealth of experience behind him, Companion Day's Reviews are ably written and, while somewhat in abridged form they nevertheless are sufficiently comprehensive to furnish a fairly accurate picture of the proceedings under review.

Canada's meeting held in Toronto, 1937, is fully covered, references made to the address of the G.Z. and friendly comment on reviews of the late Col. W. N. Ponton.

Frank L. Harrar was elected and installed as G.H.P.

Delaware is represented in Canada by an outstanding craftsman, George W. Slack of Toronto.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

George S. Foreman, Grand High Priest.

J. Claude Keiper, Grand Secretary.

The Seventy-Third Annual Convocation held in Washington, February 14, 1940.

Upon the completion of the opening ceremonies eight Past Grand High Priests were appropriately welcomed.

M.W. Bros. N. C. Turnage, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, accompanied by representatives of other Grand Bodies was extended a warm fraternal greeting.

The G.H.P.'s of Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Virginia were officially received.

From the address of the G.H.P.:—

"Today we meet at a time when Democracy and its ideals seem to be almost submerged in the strength and power of dictatorship. The world does not yet know for a certainty that the crucifixion of one nation will satisfy the greed and lust for power of men who forget that through the years God has ruled and overruled the mad ambitions of mankind.

"We, who are privileged to assemble in the full enjoyment of our fraternal advantages, should express our gratitude to and renew our faith and trust in God."

Under the caption of Necrology, the G.H.P. pays tribute to the passing of many companions:—

"We cannot say and we will not say
That they are dead—they are just away."

Referring to the Condition of the Fraternity: he expresses the opinion that Royal Arch Masonry in the jurisdiction is in need of rejuvenation, and suggests a reawakening to our duties and responsibilities.

A truism is found in the words used in the concluding lines of an excellent address.

"Although the tone of parts of this report may seem to reflect a pessimistic view, it is not intended to be other than constructive in its nature. To see conditions as they actually exist and not recognize their disturbing trend is, to my mind, an indication of weakness.

"It is not an old problem that confronts us, for we have long ridden easily on the waves of prosperity, all of it not so real as we imagined. Perhaps if we had precedents to guide us, we could take quicker and more effective action, but with careful consideration, steady weighing of all proposed remedies, as the rule and guide of our faith, we shall be enabled to carry through triumphantly to a solution that will be for the general good of all."

The Grand Lecturer presented a most interesting report from which the following is an excerpt:—

"Fraternalism based on the principles inculcated in our great Fraternity is the strongest bulwark against the "isms" that now threaten the physical ruin of many lands. Let us be thankful that the European holocaust has brought about a needed rekindling of interest in Masonry here, and may we remember that in Royal Arch Masonry a special reverence for the Great and Sacred Name of the Giver of all Perfect Gifts is inculcated."

Owing to J. Walter Karsner having resigned to accept the chairmanship of a similar Committee of Grand Lodge, Otto B. Roepke was appointed to assume the responsibility for the

Report on Foreign Correspondence. We regret to lose Comp. Karsner whose reports have always been well worth reading. We welcome to the Round Table Comp. Roepke, a worthy successor.

We turn first to Canada and find that our Windsor meeting of 1939 is under review. Generous extracts from M. Ex. Comp. Mills' address appear in this review and reference is made to our late reviewer, Col. W. N. Ponton.

From the review of Connecticut we find the following:—

"In the same manner that the Lodge unites its members on the broad foundation of Brotherhood, the Chapter exalts them to the higher relationship of Companions. To the teachings of hope inculcated in the Symbolic Degrees, the Capitular Rite adds strengthening precepts of faith. It leads its votaries into the larger light of revealed truth, making clear and convincing—for him who will heed the teachings—the larger and fuller meanings of divine revelations. 'Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.'"

and from Nebraska this most eloquent thought:—

"Companions, life has been called a cold and narrow vale between the barren peaks of two eternities. But seen through the eyes of all true Masons, its peaks are gilded with the sunshine of God's eternal love. This vale of Life is carpeted with the ever-green and ever-faithful immortal life. Planted all along life's highway can be found gardens of beautiful flowers filled with the forget-me-nots of kindly deeds, the lilies of pure thoughts, and the roses of love."

Having read with interest Comp. Roepke's review we hasten to extend our congratulations. The reviews from the District of Columbia have always been of high order and 1940 is no exception to the rule.

After the election of officers — M. Ex. Comp. L. Whiting Estes assumed the chair and installed Herbert C. Cave as G.H.P.

Canada has as its representative in D. of C., Lucien G. Yung.

We regret to report the death of R. Ex. Comp. R. W. Clewlo who for many years faithfully served the D. of C. as Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of Canada. His successor is F. J. Johnson of Toronto, an outstanding exponent of our Masonic Art.

ENGLAND

The Duke of Kent, First Grand Principal.

The Earl of Harewood, Pro. First Grand Principal.

General Sir Francis Davies, Second Grand Principal.

Sydney A. White, M.V.D., Grand Scribe E.

Rt. Rev. The Lord Bishop of Blackburn, Grand Scribe N.

Quarterly Convocation held in Freemason's Hall, London, November 1st, 1939. Sir Francis Davies presiding.

Grand Chapter was opened in Antient and Solemn Form. The Committee of General Purposes presented the financial statement, which was considered and approved.

Petitions for dispensation to form new Chapters were received, one to be called the Chapter of Temperance, the other the Chapter of Friendship—the Committee recommended favorably and the dispensations were granted.

Quarterly meeting held February 7th, 1940.

The Earl of Harewood on the Throne. After opening Grand Chapter a message was read from the Most Excellent the First Grand Principal.

Rank was conferred upon three Companions for their efforts in the revision of the Book of Constitution.

The prayers of petitioners for New Chapters were granted and dispensations issued to the Duke of Sussex Chapter, London, Megna Chapter, Bengal India, and Chapter Britannia, Paarl, South Africa.

Quarterly held on May 1st, 1940.

Rev. Canon Hubert Curtis acting as First Grand Principal.

Feeling reference was made to the death of Hugh C| Knowles, B.C.L., one of the oldest members of the Committee of General Purposes.

At this Convocation the appointment of officers for the year took place, all of the principal officers being confirmed in office for a further term. It is interesting to note that the First, Second and Third Grand Principals, the G.S.E. and Grand Registrar according to regulations hold corresponding positions in Grand Lodge, thus at all times the two branches of Ancient Freemasonry are under the control of the same leaders.

Before the close of Grand Chapter the acting First Grand Principal delivered an inspiring address from which the following is a brief extract:—

“We are all attached to the Craft for it was in the Craft that we were initiated into Masonry, which has been to many of us such a help

in life, but I am sure that all those present will agree with me when I say that we do not grasp the full significance of Masonry till we embrace and practise the principles of the Royal Arch; for, while the Craft dwells rather upon the moral ideal, the Royal Arch brings out the spiritual teaching, leading us to realize that it is only by the help of the Spirit that we can perform our moral obligations and fulfil our duties to our fellowmen which are the crown and glory of Masonry. In these anxious and difficult times we need to lean more and more upon the power of the Spirit. We are engaged in a tremendous struggle between evil and good and perhaps we sometimes get depressed and wonder how it will all end, but, if we believe in the T. and L. G. M. H. we may be assured that eventually He will bring order out of chaos and peace out of strife. With this thought I close, and trust you will go out from this ceremony with uplifted hearts to face the duties and trials which await us all."

We in Canada marvel at the spirit of our English Companions in these days of stress and turmoil—carrying on the work of the Royal Craft quietly, efficiently and without influence from the world of chaos which is carrying death and destruction all about them. Accept our applause and whole-hearted support.

Grand Chapter closed in Antient and Solemn form, the companions singing the National Anthem.

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF ENGLAND AND WALES

The Duke of Kent, Grand Master.

Rev. Canon Frederick Halsey, Deputy Grand Master.

Sir Thomas Lumley-Smith, Grand Secretary.

Quarterly Communication held on September 5th, 1939. From the copy of the proceedings we find that for a three-months period 525 Mark Certificates were issued and three new Mark Lodges instituted. The Mark Mason's hall is being demolished and a new hall will be erected on the same site. A sum of 140,000 pounds has been subscribed for the purpose.

Quarterly held on December 5, 1939—a resolution of condolence was passed and forwarded to Past Grand Master, the Duke of Connaught on the death of his sister—the Duchess of Argyle.

The Edict suspending all Masonic meetings in view of the the national emergency has been rescinded. Lodges are now authorized to meet on any day but Sunday, all after-proceedings to be brief and simple.

Quarterly held on June 4, 1940. R.W. Bro. Halsey, Deputy Grand Master presiding. At this meeting greetings were extended to a brother who was celebrating his ninetieth Birthday and who donated the sum of three hundred pounds to Grand Lodge to be used for the new premises Fund. This brother was Sir Arthur Holbrook who thanked the brethren for their congratulations and admonished them to keep busy in both body and mind if they too would enjoy a long life.

Grand Lodge closed in due form—the brethren joining in singing the National Anthem.

FLORIDA

Jesse C. Clark, Grand High Priest.

Carey B. Fish, Grand Secretary.

The Ninety-Fourth Annual Convocation held in Orlando on May 21, 1940.

A constitutional number of Chapters being present.

Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, M. Ex. Comp. Clark presiding. Twelve P.G.H.P.'s were present.

A special reception Committee retired and on returning introduced many distinguished visitors including representatives of the Knights Templar, Royal and Select Masters and the M. Ex. General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the U.S.A.

Later, representatives of Sister Jurisdictions were officially received. Canada's representative was unfortunately absent.

The G.H.P., in his annual address, thoroughly covered the activities of the year. He commences in rather vigorous fashion with the following, all of which we unequivocally endorse:—

"It is no idle resounding of platitudes and pleasing eloquence to say that the Nations of the world would do well to observe the manner and methods of Masons as they go about their work. If they would do as Masons do, meet in Annual Convocation with duly accredited representatives, and endeavour to correct such mistakes and errors as may have appeared, and lay down a policy of unselfishness, good will and good understanding, there would be an end to war and strife."

"In the present disordered condition of almost the entire world, such a hope appears beyond reach, but if thinking men will use their own minds as individuals and not permit a few self-chosen, selfish leaders to upset the world with an insane desire for power, the present status of uncertainty, unrest and fear would come to an end. I know of no better class of men and I know of no organization that can come more nearly effecting this desired end than Masons and Masonry."

Referring to Royal Arch Masonry, the G.H.P. has this to say:—

“If the young Master Mason could be made to understand that the symbolic Degrees of Masonry are only the beginning, representing a temple uncompleted and that Royal Arch Masonry not only completes that Temple, but uncovers for him that which was lost, there would be created in him an urge to complete that which he has started. Albert G. MacKey, one of the greatest—if not the greatest—Masonic student and author, said of the Holy Royal Arch:

“It is indescribably more august, sublime and important than any which has preceded it. The Holy Royal Arch is, in fact, the supreme summit and perfection of ancient Masonry.”

M. Ex. Comp. Clark suggests the abolition of the office of Deputy Grand H.P. which suggestion, however, was not approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Concluding, the Grand High Priest reports that there is no unpleasantness anywhere in the Jurisdiction, and while the records show a slight loss in membership the spirit of the Royal Craft is decidedly encouraging.

The Grand Orator delivered a really worthwhile address and, in commenting upon the waning interest he illustrates his viewpoint on this important subject in these words:—

“We have a legend that once upon a time a great King went to view the progress in the construction of a magnificent temple. Upon arriving at the site, he found the craft in confusion and idleness. In surprise and anger he demanded of the Master in charge why the confusion and why the craft were not pursuing their labours. In the answer of the Master in charge of the workmen, I think we have the answer to my question. Calmly, the Master answered his King, saying, “There are no designs upon the trestle-board from which the craft can pursue their labours.” And, truly can it be said that on the side of human interest, there are no designs upon the trestle-board from which our craft can pursue their labours.”

Companion Greer then offers suggestions that if adopted may well turn indifference into interest, rekindle the spark of enthusiasm and recreate an activity among our membership that will provide an answer to the scoffer who blatantly asks, “what is wrong with Masonry?” He closes a strong appeal with these words:—

“Let us then, be-stir ourselves not only in ritualistic work but on the side of human interest. Let us be faithful and loyal to the things of the fraternity and let us hand to our posterity unimpaired the two greatest man-made things on the face of the earth—the Masonic Fraternity and the democracy which it mothered and nurtured and which, under God, it will preserve.”

The committee on memorials presented a most eloquent and impressive tribute to the fraternal dead, from this we quote:—

"Fraternalism is the composite of all virtues. Its riches are eternal, it labours perpetual and its reward, peace at death. True companionship is the rainbow of protection in life's storms and the hidden pot of gold at the dipping end of its colours, is the immortal life beyond."

"The crest and crowning of all good,
Life's final star is Brotherhood;
For it will bring again to earth
Her long lost Word and mirth.
It will send new light on every face,
A kingly power upon the race.
And 'til it comes, we men are slaves,
And travel downward to the dust of graves."

Dorsey H. Rutter was elected and installed G.H.P. while St. Petersburg was selected as the next place of meeting.

The Order of High Priesthood convened at the close of Grand Chapter.

No report on Fraternal Correspondence appears in the proceedings much to our regret.

Florida is represented near our Grand Chapter by the ever faithful James H. Cowan of Galt, while Chester de Rocher fills a like roll for Canada in Florida.

GEORGIA

Dr. J. G. Standifer, Grand High Priest.

Wm. J. Penn, Jr., Grand Secretary.

The One Hundred and Eighteenth Annual Convocation was opened in ample form in the City of Macon, on April 24, 1940. M. Ex. Comp. Standifer presiding. Thirteen Past G.H.P.'s assumed their stations.

An exceptionally large delegation of Grand Representatives answered for their respective jurisdictions. Tom B. Elfe being present to represent Canada.

M. Ex. Comp. J. H. Anderson, General Grand H.P. of the U.S.A. was introduced and extended a hearty welcome, as were also representatives of the Grand Council, and M.W. Bro. J. Wilson Parker, G.M. of Grand Lodge of Georgia. We are always happy to record the presence of the Grand Master — it indicates an interest in Capitular affairs that is very helpful to Royal Arch Masonry.

From the splendid report of the G.H.P. we note with pleasure that Georgia has shown a net gain in membership (this is refreshing news). We also read his remarks regarding finances, but, are inclined to think that an increasing membership will in due time right the financial difficulty. The G.H.P. refers fittingly to the passing of M. Ex. Comp. Johnson, P.G.H.P., and Rev. W. A. Simmons, Grand Chaplain, Emeritus.

Under "Americanism Necessary" he has this to say:—

"Some of us can remember when the only ism present to plague us in this wonderful country of ours was rheumatism. Americanism was simply a matter of fact. Today we are faced with a different situation. It is my belief that all this hue and cry about Nazism Fascism and Communism sapping the foundation pillars of this Republic gives much more basis for real concern than many of us realize. 'Tis true that the vast majority of the American people, and certainly all real Masons, are true to their government, but there is a minority who would bite the hands that feed them. It's up to us, as men and Masons, to see that these tainted spots on the body politic of this nation are eliminated. This country needs the leavening influence of Freemasonry. The moral force and principles of our fraternity are needed today, possibly more than at any time in its history. Whether for good or bad, there have been great and far reaching upheavals in the life of the people of these United States during the past ten years. Freemasonry was present at the signing of the Magna Charta. It was present at the signing of the Declaration of Independence and, please God, it will stay on the job to save America."

Comp. Standifer closes with a note of appreciation for the co-operative spirit evinced by the line officers and members generally.

The Committee on Necrology presented a brief but beautifully worded tribute to those who have answered the "Last Call."

We quote:—

"There is much strange thinking in this world and we are often tempted to turn to new fads. But when we come together on an occasion like this we appreciate anew the old moralities. Why do we pay a tribute of love and honour to these, our deceased Companions? Because of the lasting qualities which radiated from their lives. Because of friendships, acts of kindness, loyalties. Because they could be depended upon and had traits of genuineness, these being the things which count in the even of life.

"Their creed? We care not what their creed:

Enough that never yielded they to greed,

But served a Brother in his daily need:

Plucked many a thorn and planted many a flower:

Glorified the service of each hour:

Had faith in God, themselves, their fellow-men:
 Perchance they never thought in terms of creed:
 We only know they lived a life in DEED."

As did the bereaved loved ones of our departed dead when the spirit of their precious one took its departure to be with Him who gave it, we, too, become dumb-founded at God's mysterious ways.

"Not now, but in the coming years,
 It may be in the better land,
 We'll read the meaning of our tears
 And there, sometime, we'll understand."

The Committee on General Welfare furnished an able report, one paragraph of which we quote:—

"The outlook is brighter than it has been for a number of years, and we cannot refrain from commending our Grand Secretary for his untiring efforts. His pleasing personality and his ability to take punishment are great assets to this Grand Body, and we hope that he may survive for many years and that his shadow may never grow less."

For fifteen years the Foreign Correspondence has been in the capable hands of P. T. McCutcheon who again presents a delectable review. From his entertaining foreword the following:—

"Within, However, will be found matter for encouragement. In nearly all Grand Jurisdictions "Masonry's Challenge," about which so many heads of Grand Bodies have been directing their thoughts and energies, is being used to restore normalcy and survive the lagging interest that in right recent years had so depleted membership rosters and brought Masonry, as well as the Church, into low ebb in furthering the sublime teachings of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. Times and conditions change, but Masonry does not. Its principles are as eternal as the heavens — the same yesterday, today and forever — and the Chapters who are teaching and stressing and living these sacred principles are the ones meeting success in rehabilitation and accomplishing the most certain results, while others still indifferent are getting nowhere."

Our personal interest of course is centred in the comments on Canada. As usual it is fully reviewed and reference made to our Grand Z.'s address in Windsor. Statistics are also fully covered and a kindly word for the late Col. Ponton's last review. Of our late beloved Companion these words will no doubt strike a responsive chord in the heart of every reader who has been familiar with M. Ex. Comp. Ponton's reviews of Sister Jurisdictions:—

"Of course they were complete, ably written and intensely interesting. But Most Excellent Companion Ponton, at 85, has since passed to

the mystic temple of the skies, and the fascinating rhetoric from his facile pen and wonderful brain will be missed."

Thanks Comp. McCutchen for this friendly tribute to one who through a life-time of Masonry firmly entrenched himself in the hearts and affections of his Brethren.

The Proceedings of Grand Chapter were brought to a close with the installing of newly elected officers. Thos. W. Sewell assumed the office of G.H.P.

The order of High Priesthood convened at the close of Grand Chapter.

Owing to the death of M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, who for many years represented Georgia in Canada, the commission was transferred to G. H. Hayward, of Haileybury, Ont., who will, we are sure, ably maintain the friendly contact established with Georgia by his predecessor in office.

IDAHO

G. Ray Mead, Grand High Priest.

Edward H. Ray, Grand Secretary.

The Thirty-Second Annual held in Pocatello on May 14, 1940.

Grand Chapter was opened in ample form by the G.H.P. with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

M.W. Bro.'s Thompson, Eldridge and Jones, P.G. Masters of the Grand Lodge of Idaho were introduced and received with honours.

Grand Representatives formed a semi-circle about the Altar and were extended a warm, fraternal welcome. The Grand Representative of Ohio responding to the words of the G.H.P. Canada was present in the person of Charles Hartung, our faithful representative.

A basket of beautiful roses and felicitations from the Order of Eastern Star was a feature of the opening session.

A thoughtfully prepared address by the G.H.P. makes interesting reading. We quote:—

"As we meet today we realize that Masonry throughout the world is being assailed along with civil rights and religious liberties, by despotism and anti-Masonic groups. Masonic principles are definitely at stake.

"Masonic teachings and philosophy would terminate war, but unless every Mason is prepared to actively live and teach these philosophies, we will never see the time when they will become the yardstick for the measurement of individual or national conduct."

Under Necrology he pays tribute to the Companions who have passed to Great Beyond:—

“There is no death: What seems so is transition;
This life of mortal breath
Is but a suburb of the life Elysian
Whose portal we call death.”

Referring to the condition of the order we are informed that Grand Chapter shows a net loss in membership of seven—this being due to the heavy loss through activities of the Grim Reaper.

From the G.H.P.'s response to a Knights Templar toast during the Christmas observance:—

“As we turn toward the east on this auspicious occasion for greater understanding and spiritual wisdom, let us rededicate ourselves to the principles of our magnanimous order, hoping ever, and praying always for that glorious day when the reign of the Blessed Emanuel, the Prince of Peace, the Great Captain of our Salvation, shall become universal and eternal, ever remembering that in the light of His star we will find perfect peace mingling with kindness and goodwill.”

The Committee on Fraternal Correspondence is signed by Frank G. Burroughs and W. D. Falls. From the foreword, entitled “Editorially Speaking” we read that in the Reviewers opinion the G.H. Priests of the various jurisdictions have contributed little of interest in their annual addresses—indeed they are termed “dull and uninteresting” the foreword ends with these courageous words:—

“Taking it all in all, I would say that the condition of Capitular Masonry is distinctly better. Less than half a dozen jurisdictions show any increase in losses and they are but few. Chapters showing gains are still all too few, yet there are a few. The answer hasn't changed—it's still ‘LEADERSHIP.’ The Chapters with aggressive leaders are all prospering and vice versa. GIVE US MEN.”

Our interest caused us to turn promptly to the Review of Canada where we enjoy the distinction of one full page. As usual our Grand Z.'s address and decisions are quoted and from the comment of the Reviewer we take it that he agrees with the decisions of M. Ex. Comp. Mills. We appreciate his reference to the late Col. W. N. Ponton, K. C., and regret to record his death which took place in September, 1939.

The election of officers resulted in the elevation of Cary B. Forbes to the office of G.H.P.—in due course he was installed by Geo. Dohlne, Jr., Idaho Falls, was selected as the next place of meeting. The retiring G.H.P., Comp. Mead, was

presented with a watch in appreciation of the services rendered during his term of office.

The order of High Priesthood followed the closing of Grand Chapter.

Idaho is represented in Canada by Fred Porterfield of Mitchell, Ontario.

ILLINOIS

David S. Watson, Grand High Priest.

Edward E. Core, Grand Secretary.

The Ninetieth Annual held in Chicago on November 9th, 1939.

Grand Chapter opened in ample form followed by the Invocation by the Grand Chaplain.

Fourteen Past Grand High Priests attending.

A warm fraternal greeting was extended to leaders of the Royal Craft from many jurisdictions—including a delegation from Manitoba.

Representatives of Knights Templar, Royal and Select Masters, The General Grand Chapter and the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois were all presented and received with fitting honours.

The address of the Grand High Priest though brief, contains a complete record of the year's official acts. Under Condition of the Craft he makes the encouraging statement that exaltations for the year were more numerous than for many years past.

Among his visitations are friendly references to his visit to the Grand Chapter of Manitoba and to our Windsor Convocation.

The G.H.P. recommended the usual appropriation of \$5,000.00 to assist in the maintenance of the Royal Arch Memorial Hospital and \$500.00 to the Illinois Masonic Hospital. Our Illinois companions are carrying on a wonderful work that many other jurisdictions might emulate.

We quote the closing paragraph of Comp. Watson's address:—

"Keep before you the Great Light of Masonry with its many lessons, remembering that 'he that humbleth himself shall be exalted' and in the spirit of humility and happiness, you will produce good work, and may the Peace of God and brotherly love abide with and bless you."

The Treasurer and Auditor's Reports indicates that the finances of Grand Chapter are on a sound basis. A very com-

forting statement in these days of financial stress.

From the Report on Necrology which pays eloquent tribute to the fraternal dead the following are the concluding lines:—

“The sprig of acacia blooming at the head of the grave, blessed symbolism of immortality, brings us in our moments of doubt, comforting thought, not only of the resurrection after death, but immortality of the soul throughout eternity. And thus, my Companions, the greatest compensation we may receive awaits our entrance into the spiritual existence beyond this mortal life.”

The Grand Chaplain delivered a really worth-while oration on the major epochs in the social life of the world—we wish space permitted a more generous quotation as Comp. McCracken gives us much food for reflection in these turbulent times. Here are a few lines of interest:—

“Let this spirit of Masonry which dethroned ungodly kings—this spirit of Masonry which demanded of every tyrant and dictator to hunt cover and hide his face—let this spirit come again which has used for its landmarks and standards the word of the living God and once again the shadows of evil that for the moment darken the horizon of human destiny will rise and melt away as the shadows of the night before the rising sun of the new morning.”

GOD SEND US MEN

“God send us men whose aim ’twill be
Not to defend some ancient creed,
But to live out the laws of right
In every thought and word and deed.

“God send us men with hearts ablaze
All truth to live, all wrong to hate;
These are the patriots nations need
These are the bulwarks of the State.”

From the address of the General Grand High Priest these words:—

“You know the greatest crime is not—the greatest sin is not in committing the sin apparently, but in being found out, and if we will so shape our lives that we are willing to put our distinguishing marks, as Mark Master Masons, on every act of our lives, and then put it in that Temple of Character that we are building, face it, we have made these upon every stone—upon every act of ours, not only what we did but what our intentions were: if we can build that character honestly and then make it a beautiful building, we need have no fear of our future rewards in this world, and it will be a happier, a brighter and a better place in which to spend your days because we have passed through.”

Following a splendid dissertation on the early history of the Royal Arch, Everett R. Turnbull, P.G.H.P. introduces the fraternal reviews with the heading "Whither are we bound."

These are his opening comments:—

"For which of you, intending to building a tower, sitteth not down first and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it?

In ancient times the tower was used as a place to get fresh air and as a refuge and defense against an enemy; it was also a retreat for prayer and meditation. The ancient builder not only counted the cost, he also considered the number of workmen, that there should always be a sufficient number.

"We call ourselves builders, therefore it is well for us to heed the ancient admonition and seriously consider the road we have come and whither are we bound."

Canada is liberally reviewed—the meeting at Windsor carefully covered and M. Ex. Comp. Mills likened unto the Pied Piper of Hamelin because at the special dinner party he outshone all others in his attention to the ladies wherever he went, there the ladies of the party followed. As the Pied Piper tootled his pipes all the children followed him into the mountain and were seen no more. Comp. Turnbull graphically records that the only difference was that when it came time for Comp. Mills to leave, he put away his pipes and quietly and alone left the hotel, otherwise it is possible that all of the ladies would have followed him to Canada. And why not, Comp. Mills is of that peculiar specie known as a bachelor. Perhaps, a bit wholesale in his ideas, yet, his status as a bachelor is largely due to the fact that having an extremely large field from which to draw, his difficulty is expressed in the words of that old song, "Which Hazel shall it be."

Quotations from Comp. Mills' address are given prominence and a glowing tribute paid to our late lamented Companion Col. W. N. Ponton for which we express our sincere thanks and appreciation.

Isaac N. Tomlinson was elected and installed as G.H.P. Comp. Core continues as Grand Secretary.

Fred W. Soady is our valued representative in Illinois, while J. J. Shelley of Toronto plays a like role for Illinois near our Grand Chapter.

INDIANA

Fred D. Carson, Grand High Priest.

Chas. C. Thomas, Grand Secretary.

The Ninety-Fourth Annual was held in Terre Haute on October 18, 1939, the G.H.P. presiding.

Eighteen Past Grand High Priests graced the East.

Headed by Fred J. Deitzer, a large delegation from the Grand Council of Indiana was received and officially greeted.

John R. Hunter, G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Indiana accompanied by an escort, and Walter G. Rice and officers of the Grand Commandery were accorded a cordial welcome and received with appropriate honours.

Guests from the Grand Chapters of Illinois, Michigan and the General Grand Council were presented and received a most hospitable greeting.

M. Ex. Comp. Carson delivered a thoughtful address from which we quote:—

"In spite of quick acting panaceas that have been administered, in spite of heroic measures by national governments, brotherhood has been so far forgotten that half the world resounds with armed conflict. It would be a bold prophet who would predict the time and place of the world's emergence from chaos and hate.

"It would seem that the whole world has forgotten the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man. There has never been a time when there was more need for leadership and the practice of those virtues which true fraternalism represents. As we pay homage to those who have bequeathed us much, we must not forget the problems of the present. If fraternity and brotherhood is to continue, we must successfully withstand the attacks of all entrenched forces, organized for selfish ends and the prostitution of justice and human liberty.

"Though world conditions change, governments rise and fall, habits of peoples and their modes of life be transformed, there is no change or deterioration in laws governing human justice and liberty. The foundation principle of our order are based on laws not subject to revision because of changing world conditions. The Decalogue and The Sermon on the Mount enunciated principles not subject to revision by human hands."

From the address we note that the G.H.P.'s official acts covering By-Laws, Dispensations and Recommendations deal entirely with purely routine matters. His reference to the finances of Grand Chapter are encouraging. Under the present system of assessment the income each year is in excess of expenses, hence a large reserve has been established. As a result, Grand Chapter is reducing the assessment in the future to cover only the expenses of Grand Chapter.

A most interesting and illuminative address concludes with a few well-chosen words of appreciation to the Grand Lecturer and the Grand Secretary.

Prefacing the Proceedings are a portrait of the G.H.P. and a short biographical sketch from which we learn that Comp. Carson is of pleasing disposition, affable, courtly, sound in judgment and of sterling character (a splendid tribute indeed).

Would that space permit us to quote the inspiring address of the Grand Chaplain in its entirety, it is eloquent, wholesome and satisfying. We give you a line or two from this truly fine dissertation:—

“If ever the world needed a great prophet—a man sent from God—it is today; one who will cry out against the wrongs and also point the way to the re-establishment of those ideals under which we may pursue peace and enjoy happiness. The great loss in the present international turmoil will not be the ruin of territory, the annihilation of cities, nor even in the destruction of human lives, but rather in the sacrifice of ideals and in the possible abolition of a civilization that has been centuries in building.”

Following the election of officers, Arthur O. Thornton was duly installed as Grand High Priest.

No Review of other Jurisdictions appear in the Proceedings, which is regrettable. The reports on Foreign Relations is brief in the extreme and merely reports that harmony prevails throughout the Capitular world.

William H. Baugh answered the roll as Canada's representative. Indiana is represented in Canada by John Stevenson of Stratford.

IRELAND

Rt. Hon. J. Milne Barbour, Grand King.

W. E. Thrift, Provost T.C.D., Deputy Grand King.

Arthur H. Kirkpatrick, Grand High Priest.

Henry C. Shellard, Grand Registrar.

From the report of M. Ex. Comp. Barbour, Grand King, the following is of interest:—

“Our Order continues to enjoy prosperity and the loyal support of Companions in all parts of Ireland.” “Appreciation must be expressed of the excellent work done by the Grand Chapter of Instruction, which, by its contact with District Grand Chapters and Subordinate Chapters, does so much to foster that community of interest of Companions throughout the country.”

Grand Chapters of Instruction were held during the year and from the reports of the officers in charge we note that

excellent work and sustained interest was the key-note of their comments.

The companions of Grand Chapter expressed their gratification at the restoration to good health of the Grand King and the Grand Registrar, both of whom had been ailing.

A report by the Companions who attended the installation of H.R.H. The Duke of Kent as Grand Master of the Grand Mark Lodge of England was enthusiastically received.

We are happy to record a condition with respect to dues in Constituent Chapters that is decidedly at variance with conditions in Canada and the United States. With a registration of nearly 400 Chapters in the nine District Grand Chapters, the counties, and in South Africa and New Zealand which operate under Irish Charters only twenty-two Chapters are shown as owing dues.

Truly a remarkable record and one of which the Grand Chapter of Ireland may well be proud.

Irish Freemasonry suffered a severe loss in the sudden death of the First Principal of the District Grand Chapter of Armagh, M. Ex. Comp. Meredith R. Whitla, of whom a report states:—

“For more than half a century he has been an active and moving spirit in both Craft Masonry and the Royal Arch—he leaves behind him a shining example of service freely given to his fellows, and of duty well and faithfully performed.”

From information at hand we have reason to believe that the conditions of Royal Arch Masonry in Ireland is healthy, active and entirely satisfactory. Our Irish Companions seem to be comparatively free from the many ills which beset all branches of Masonry here on the North American continent. Meticulous care in the selection of their material may provide the answer. We wonder.

The Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland is ably represented near the Grand Chapter of Canada by R. Ex. Comp. R. W. E. McFadden, of Brantford, Ontario.

KANSAS

Chas. A. Loucks, Grand High Priest.

Elmer F. Strain, Grand Secretary.

The Seventy-Fifth Annual held in Topeka, February 12, 1940.

M. Ex. Comp. Loucks declared Grand Chapter open in ample form, prayer being offered by the Grand Chaplain.

M. Ex. Comp. John H. Anderson, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter and other distinguished guests were received with the usual formalities and courtesies.

Seventeen P.G.H.P.'s were in attendance.

Grand Representatives were received and cordially welcomed. Among those present we are happy to note Canada's representative Roy H. Clossen.

From the excellent address of the G.H.P. we quote:—

"We make too many members, but not enough Masons. We have an educational program, sponsored by the General Grand Chapter, which is passed along to our companions with halting faith. A sustained effort must be made to organize and train those who are willing and have the ability to "send out Thy light and Thy truth." Only when the workman has a full understanding of the plans laid down on the Trestle Board will he produce such work as is wanted for the building of the Temple. No frills of fraternity, new rituals or any other effort will produce that 'good work, true work and square work' that is required."

Reference is made to a new ritual which is in the course of preparation and the suggestion is offered that special consideration be given to the Most Excellent Master Degree, which is thought by the G.H.P. to be too elaborate for the smaller chapters.

The G.H.P.'s comments on the finances of Grand Chapter and the condition of the Order are not altogether encouraging. He closes his address with a strong appeal to all Royal Arch Masons to stand by the work in the Lodge — offering the suggestion that it is only by close co-operation with the symbolic craft that we can support our invitation to Master Masons to complete their Masonic structure. All of which, in our opinion, is sound logic.

From the report on Necrology by Victor L. Kirk, the following:—

"During the past two years, many civilized countries have caused war or been forced into war. The lust for power by dictatorships has overcome right thinking and reason. Religion has been subdued and Christian doctrines acknowledged throughout the world have been discarded. The principles of Masonry, wherever possible, have been silenced. Hate, envy and greed have replaced the truths taught by the lowly Nazarene. These conditions will continue to exist until the leaders and their people attain in their minds and hearts an earnest understanding of faith in God and mankind."

"When the dark days come and the clouds grow gray
All men must brave them as best they may
With never too much repining;
And bravest is he, when the shadows fall
Who sees in the gloom of his darkened hall
The light of his faith still shining."

Having been duly elected Grand High Priest Lynn R. Brod-
rick was regularly installed into office by M. Ex. Comp. H.
W. Haviland.

The report on Correspondence is from the capable pen of
Albert K. Wilson, it is short, concise, yet omits little that may
be of interest.

Canada is briefly reviewed and contains an interesting ex-
cerpt from M. Ex. Comp. Mills "Au Revoir"—this address
being delivered in Windsor in 1939.

A. P. Goering of Hamilton, Ontario, represents Kansas,
near our Grand Chapter.

LOUISIANA

John S. Burgess, Grand High Priest.

Lee W. Harris, Grand Secretary.

The Ninety-Third Convocation held in New Orleans on
February 12, 1940.

The G.H.P. opened Grand Chapter in ample form—the
invocation being delivered by the acting Grand Chaplain, Rob-
ert M. McGehee.

Eleven Past G.H.P.'s supported the G.H.P. in the East.
Letters of resignation were received from J. E. Frederick,
Grand Scribe, Rev. John Foster, Grand Chaplain and David
Ettinger, Grand Treasurer, all of whom expressed their keen
regret that they were unable, for personal reasons, to continue
in office.

The address of the G.H.P. is a splendidly compiled report
of the year's work and clearly indicates that the G.H.P. has
laboured faithfully and well during his term of office. We are
constrained to quote a few lines from this very edifying
address:—

"It is my first duty, and a God-given privilege that I am accorded
the pleasure of welcoming you to this, the 93rd Annual Grand Con-
vocation of this Grand Chapter, without the dread and fear of shrieking
sirens and bursting bombs or the roar of cannon, which are so preva-
lent in war-torn Europe and the Far East.

May we be endowed with wisdom and spirit of the Supreme High
Priest of heaven and earth in conducting the affairs of this Grand
Chapter that the tenets and lofty ideals of our Royal Craft will guide
and direct our labours with the true fraternal feeling and harmony that
characterize the motto of a Royal Arch Mason."

and from his beautiful tribute to the fraternal dead the fol-
lowing:—

"As we look back over a very short space of time, we are forced to
view the sickled field, over which the Grim Reaper has passed and

gathered some of the grain that was ready for the harvest. Death is our familiar but unbidden guest, it opens the gate of Eternity, and reveals to those who have passed the White Veil, the mystery of Immortality."

Among the many distinguished names which are referred to under "necrology" we note that of our own beloved P.G.Z., Col. W. N. Ponton, K.C. Among the many rulings of the G.H.P. we note with interest that a Master Mason who had lost his left arm is not eligible for Capitular degrees. We in Canada have mellowed somewhat with advancing years and while not making a general practice of receiving such applicants we deal with each case on its merits and it is seldom that a dispensation is refused by the G.Z.

In his concluding remarks he leaves this elevating thought:—

"When men build ideals they build the most permanent things in this world. Man can make great buildings, great works, and yet they crumble and become but dust, but the ideals and ideas of those builders are alive in the world today. And so we, who are builders of ideals, are building into the life of man something more permanent than those who are merely builders of material things.

"In this great whirling world it seems today as if things would fly apart and that centrifugal force will disrupt and destroy us. Unless there is some cement of human society, something to draw and hold us together, both within and without our nation, this civilization of ours is doomed as were those in days gone by.

Masonry has an essential mission in the world. All men cannot be united in bonds of patriotism or in loyalty to one flag. There is no religion that can draw all civilized mankind together. Where is there another institution in the world, outside of Masonry which can unite men of every country, of every sect, and of every opinion.

There is but one thing in the world common to all mankind and somehow our fore-fathers in Freemasonry discovered that Masonry has but one dogma—belief in a single God, a common Father upon which we build an universal moral philosophy teaching the Brotherhood of man, and the Fatherhood of God. I believe that that is Freemasonry's mission: building the ideals of brotherly love among men on earth, upon a belief in one God."

We also read with considerable interest the splendidly written report of Lee W. Harris, Grand Secretary. Louisiana is fortunate indeed in having such a capable and experienced Grand Secretary.

The Foreign Correspondence Review is presented by Edwin F. Gayle. It covers the Capitular World very thoroughly, touching here and there the high-lights of the proceedings of other jurisdictions and gives the reader a very interesting

picture of Royal Arch Masonry. Canada is courteously reviewed and kindly reference made to the late W. N. Ponton — who for many years enjoyed the privilege of keeping warm the contact with Capitular Masonry beyond our borders.

Christian P. Eilerson was elected and installed as G.H.P. by M. Ex. Comp. J. Luther Jordan.

The Order of High Priesthood assembled at the close of Grand Chapter for its annual session.

John W. Armstrong represents our Grand Chapter in Louisiana (we regret to note his absence at this Convocation).

Bishop Seager, of London, has the honour to represent Louisiana in Canada.

MAINE

Benjamin W. Ela, Grand High Priest.

Convers E. Leach, Grand Secretary.

The One Hundred and Fifteenth Annual Convocation held at Portland, on May 7, 1940.

After the formal opening, the Grand Chaplain led in prayer.

Among the many distinguished guests we note the names of M. Ex. Comp. A. W. Pratt, Grand Z., of Quebec, who was accompanied by our old and valued friend M. Ex. Comp. Walter Williamson.

The roll call of Grand Representatives was answered by a splendid representation of Sister Jurisdictions — we note with regret the absence of Canada's representative.

The Grand High Priest presented a thoughtful and inspiring address from which we have gathered a few beautiful thoughts for which we must find space — we quote a line or two taken here and there at random:—

"Our principles are of the accumulated experience of humanity, purged of the trials and errors of temporary greeds and lusts for power, which, though gone with the winds of their respective periods, constantly recur to plague and confuse the minds of unthinking men.

"It is not for us to sway with these shifting winds of social and economic experimentation which cloak a selfish urge for power, but to hold to those principles and fundamentals which have come down to us unimpaired through a succession of ages."

"As we welcome the many new faces to this Grand Convocation we are saddened in our loss in those who are not here.

"How fitting it is that we pause—and in this quiet moment feel again their presence. Splendid builders have they been, for us and for the future generations. I am sure that they are building still to bring us nearer to that great altar and temple of the eternal throne.

"We, of this organization, have been well taught as to the universality of masonry. Ours is a world wide fraternity, uniting men of every country, sect and opinion, and conciliating true friendship among those who might otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance."

". . . may I point out that a rather extensive study and observation in this and other Grand Jurisdictions would indicate that reduction in fees is not the solution in your problem. . . . In many cases it has been a real mistake.

". . . . The great need of our membership is not, merely, to have candidates provided for—observation and entertainment.

"The challenge to your officers—is to bring masonry continually to the members; to bring a daily consciousness of its ideals and associations, its pleasures and advantages; to bring them so much that they will mutually gather—to discuss their enjoyment.

"How well the decay of ages is represented in the havoc of our present days. Let us clear away the rubbish to find anew the eternal foundation and the great masonic truths that are hidden by the litter of our little ways."

Grand Treasurer Arthur J. Floyd placed before Grand Chapter a very comforting fiscal report—we congratulate Maine on its very strong financial position—we are particularly interested in the Charity Fund which seems to be established on a solid foundation.

From the eloquent report on the Fraternal Dead the following:—

"May we not well pause on this occasion and reflect that we too are living for eternity, and guided by the sublime principles of our fraternity, so live, so die, that when we pass through the dark valley we may go into the presence of our Maker, clean, well fitted to become living stones in that spiritual building not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens. Then companions may our voices, with those of companions already ceased from labour blend in the exultant chorus:

"Joy, joy forever, Our task is done.
The gates are past, and Heaven is won."

As usual, Thomas H. Bodge in his report on Correspondence gives us much food for refection. We read with interest a very fine review of Canada's 1939 Convocation held in Windsor.

Quotations from Grand Z. Mills' address are given generous space for which accept our thanks Comp. Bodge.

Reference is made to the Past Reviews of the late M. Ex. Comp. Col. W. N. Ponton—they are mentioned as being in a class by themselves. We heartily agree with all Comp. Bodge has to say with regard to our late lamented brother—like his Reviews, Col. Ponton was always well out in front as an exponent of the Art of Masonry.

We find Comp. Bodge's review most instructive and entertaining. We should like to quote more freely from this outstanding report but must be content with an extract from the District of Columbia which gives a clear, concise picture of Masonry in these words:—

"The two great elements: The Book upon our altars which guides us to the highest concept of Truth and action available to mortal man; the ritual which, like a road converging in perspective, leads us directly to a study of these truths — THIS is the 'WORK' of Masonry, with its by-products, charity, mutual helpfulness, social intercourse, friendships in the highest sense of the word."

The election of officers resulted in the elevation of James E. Stevens to the office of G.H.P.

In due course he was installed by M. Ex. Comp. Bodge.

The Grand Chapter of Maine is represented near our Grand Chapter by an enthusiastic and decidedly active Mason, D. W. Evans of Hamilton, Ont.

Canada being represented in Maine by J. Blaine Morrison of Phillips, Maine.

MANITOBA

Charles E. Cole, Grand Z.

Adam Armstrong, Grand Scribe E.

The Seventeenth Annual Convocation was held in Winnipeg, February 14, 1940.

M. Ex. Comp. Cole assumed the chair and Grand Chapter was opened in ample form. Canon Goodeve delivering an impressive invocation. Eight Past Grand First Principals were warmly received and seated in the East.

M. Ex. Comp. S. Jackson and R. Ex. Comp. J. Setter representing the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan and R. Ex. Comp. E. Cruickshank of the Grand Chapter of Alberta were then presented and welcomed.

Delegations from the Grand Chapters of North Dakota, Wisconsin and Minnesota were cordially received and accorded Grand Honours.

M. Wor. Bro. W. D. Lawrence, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba was introduced and received a very special welcome. The G.Z. reminding the companions that M.W. Bro. Lawrence was one of the founders of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba and was its first presiding officer.

Grand Z. Cole then presented a splendidly worded address in which feeling reference was made to the sad loss sustained through the death of The Grand Third Principal. We quote:—

"Beside me is a vacant chair. This Grand Chapter has suffered a great loss in the answer to the Master's call of our Grand Third Principal, the late Rt. Ex. Comp. Malcolm Render, who died at his home in Hartney on the 23rd day of November. We might have wished that he had been spared to receive, as he would have the highest honours this Grand Chapter could bestow. He has squared his work, and, with honour, presents it to the Grand Overseer above.

"Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar
When I put out to sea."

The Grand Z.'s visitations throughout the Jurisdiction were many and a graphic account of the visits provides interesting reading, particularly his 500 miles journey to Flin Flon and the great oil-bearing Pre-Cambrian rocks.

M. Ex. Comp. Cole visited a number of Sister Jurisdictions. He refers to visits to Kansas City, Mo., and Des Moines, Iowa, accompanied by 44 companions. Degrees were conferred in both cities according to the Canadian work—forty-six candidates in Kansas City and one hundred and seventeen, including the Grand Master of Iowa, in Des Moines. During these visitations beyond his own borders the Grand Z. tells us that he travelled 9,100 miles.

Dispensations and decisions were all of a routine nature.

A happy reference is made to the visit during the year of King George and Queen Elizabeth and the address concludes with the following:—

"War clouds were blackening the international sky then; the welcome which Canadians extended to their King and Queen was the forerunner of what Canada would do should the war clouds break. In September they did and our declaration of war followed soon after that of Great Britain and France. And so a catastrophe is upon our peoples, a terrible struggle to decide whether man should rule the state or the state rule man. For that is the essence of the struggle. We are fighting for the right of survival and for religious and political freedom of our own and of other states. Our British Commonwealth of Nations, the first League of Nations, threatens the freedom of none, rather do we seek to save our own freedom first of all, as is but natural, and to help preserve that of other states. With clean hands and pure hearts must we come to these purposes. Every Mason in particular, should exemplify in his way of living, the belief in a Supreme Being, tolerance and charity towards all. If we are true to our obligations and teachings, we will be worthy of the heritage of our forefathers. It will be the prayer of all that our cause and our conduct may find favour in the eyes of the Almighty.

"Into the heart of the wildwood
I went one day,
Seeking in peace and contentment
A while to stay,

Green were the leaves hanging o'er me
 And sweet the scent,
 There in the heart of the wildwood
 Whither I went.

"Birds in the branches sang sweetly
 A song of love,
 Bees o'er the blossoms were humming
 In sweet employ,
 And in the heart of the wildwood,
 There seemed to be,
 One, who of old, walked in Eden,
 Walking with me."

And, Companions, may He always walk with us, in our Masonry and in our daily lives."

R. Ex. Comp. James McIntosh presented a beautiful tribute to the Fraternal Dead from which we are constrained to quote a brief line or two:—

"Two beautiful epitaphs were prepared for Beethoven: the one accepted was "At his death the nations of the earth mourned, but the choirs of Heaven rejoiced." What more beautiful epitaph could the great musician have desired when death took away his flesh body which silenced his musical genius on earth. He, in his celestial body, found a grander vehicle more sublime.

"Now the Labourer's task is o'er,
 Now the battle day is past,
 Now upon the farther shore
 Lands the voyager at last."

The guest speaker, M. Ex. Comp. Judge A. G. Gurr, of North Dakota, delivered a sparkling address which we should very much like to reproduce in its entirety but content ourselves with a few extracts:—

"We who live south of the boundary line are not unmindful of, and I trust do not underestimate, the momentous situation in which you of this great Dominion are now involved. In his Christmas greeting to the Manitoba Bar Association, Chief Justice McPherson states: 'Our Empire is assuming a large share of the burden of defending the liberty of both nations and individuals. We, as part of that empire, are prepared to contribute in every possible way in the struggle to restore peace and justice throughout the world.' To see a great people, free and strong, and with a broad, intelligent, forceful outlook on life, gird itself to this mighty task against the emptying forces of isolation and potential security is an extremely heartening sight in this bewildered, almost hopeless world.

"May we hope that, coming as we do in this grave epoch, our presence, our sympathetic understanding may help to confirm your judgment and strengthen your courage in the valley of decision through which the world is passing. And this comes with added force as you mourn the untimely death of that distinguished scholar, soldier, statesman, administrator and Christian gentleman, your Governor-General.

"Three thousand miles of border line! One hundred years of peace! In all the page of history what parallel to this? God speed that surely dawning day — That coming hour divine — when all the nations of the earth shall boast such border line!

"In our honour you have raised the glass. As a graceful compliment you have drunk the toast. May we be permitted to reply: Canada and the United States, the great commonwealth of nations and the federated republic — free, independent, unafraid — may they, with generous emulation in reason, justice, and equity, and as lights shining in darkness to a terrified world, press forward side by side now and forever to the consummation of that divine event when 'Man to man the world o'er shall brithers be for a' that.'"

John J. Sinclair was elected Grand Z. and, together with his supporting officers, duly installed by M. Ex. Comp. Lawrence. Winnipeg was selected as the next place of meeting.

C. J. Hutchings presented a composite report on "Foreign Jurisdictions" which is interesting, complete and decidedly readable.

Our Grand Chapter is represented near the Grand Chapter of Manitoba by Frank W. Brownell, of Winnipeg, while Robert H. Reid, of Woodstock, performs a like service for Manitoba.

MARYLAND

Grover L. Michael, Grand High Priest.

Chas. H. Welden, Grand Secretary.

The One Hundred and Forty-Second Annual Convocation held in Baltimore, December 12, 1939.

With the opening of Grand Chapter twenty Past G.H.P.'s were received while a host of distinguished guests were presented and formally welcomed. Among these we note the presence of M.W. Bro. J. H. Hessey, G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, the G.M. of Royal and Select Masters, Grand Commander of the Knights Templar, the Deputy of the Supreme Council A.A.S.R., and M. Ex. Comp. Anderson, G.G. H.P. of the General Grand Chapter. All were accorded honours fitting to their rank.

The G.H.P. delivered a most delightful address in which he sets forth the activities of the year in a very readable form.

He opened his address by welcoming the delegates and then continued as follows:—

"The days went by, the weeks rolled on —
And ere I knew it, the year was gone."

"The Capitular year now ending has been the most eventful and happy year in my Masonic life. I have tasted of the goblet of power—I have experienced the quenching satisfaction of having Companions give to the utmost of their time and ability to accomplish a proposed goal. I have imbibed from the bowl of Pride—in knowledge of plans brought to fruition, by the assistance and cooperation of my associates—and I have tasted of the bitter cup of disappointment, when friends of many years' standing have been lukewarm and unwilling to exert any special effort to promote the great and glorious work in which we, as Royal Arch Masons, are engaged."

Thoughtful reference is made to the fraternal dead concluding with these lines:—

"Beyond the blue to the land of light
They have wandered away, just out of sight;
And so released by pain and care,
They are waiting for us to join them there.

"Great Jehovah in Thy gracious keeping
Leave we now our companions sleeping."

From his many rulings and dispensations we quote one which is of general interest:—

"I have consistently refused to change the regular hour and day of meeting, as provided in the By-Laws of a Chapter, when the only reason given for the request was—that the regular date or hour conflicted with a special meeting of some organisation and/or engagement of an officer."

We heartily agree with M. Ex. Comp. Michael that changes of time of meeting of subordinate Chapters are not in the best interest of our Order.

The G.H.P., in his concluding remarks, leaves this wholesome thought:—

"No man has the right to aspire to be a Mason unless he is ready and willing to discharge the duties of that high office. Masonry means more than the wearing of a button on the lapel of a coat or flashing from the finger of a ring.

"It is the duty of every man, but more particularly Masons, to render assistance, share the pains and sorrows, as well as the joys and pleasures of his fellow man.

"A good Mason is one who never thinks his charity expensive, if a worthy person be the recipient.

"May that spirit of understanding, that peace, that harmony which pervades within our jurisdiction today, continue until time shall be no more. May our labours contribute in some measure to the dawn of a day, in the not too distant future, when men of every clime, sect and opinion can meet upon the fraternal level of the "Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man."

From the many pages devoted to special reports of the Committee on jurisprudence it would appear that a number of changes in the Constitution and General Regulations are suggested with a view to bringing the governing laws of Grand Chapter strictly up-to-date.

The special budget Committee recommend a reduction in the expenses of Grand Chapter, including the Grand Secretary's salary and the annual dinner.

Richard W. Worthington was elected and legally installed as G.H.P. by M. Ex. Comp. Anderson, the General Grand High Priest.

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence was prepared under the able chairmanship of D. Ross Vansant, Jr. The foreword under the caption of "Our Thought of the Year" may be accepted as a suggestion that despite the fluctuation in membership in other years that today Maryland is building on a firm and stable foundation.

In perusing reviews of the various Jurisdictions we note with dismay that Canada is omitted and, apparently, the fault is ours as the committee report that no copy of our Proceedings have been received. We must rectify this state of affairs and see to it that our Proceedings are forwarded promptly this year in the hope that we may again take our place among the elite in next year's review.

We congratulate the Committee on a splendidly written review, all of which makes highly interesting reading.

From Quebec is quoted this poetic gem:—

"Grant me the courage not to frown
And howso'er my hopes shall end,
Let me not cease to pay the friend.
Lord, let me carry where I go
Some little joy to all I know,
Let there into my life be wrought—
A little faith, a little thought,
A little mirth, a little grace,
To glorify the commonplace,
Lord, let some little splendour shine
To mark this earthly course of mine."

Canada is represented by John H. Lubbers, while Maryland's representative is Frank K. Ebbitt, one of Northern Ontario's most active Craftsmen.

MASSACHUSETTS

Edward H. Whittemore, Grand High Priest.

Raymond T. Sewall, Grand Secretary.

Quarterly Convocation held in Boston on March 7, 1939.

M. Ex. Comp. Whittemore, accompanied by his officers, were duly proclaimed, prayers were offered by the Grand Chaplain and Grand Chapter declared open in ample form. In the entourage of the G.H.P. and as his special guest were the Lieutenant-Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Honourable Horace T. Cahill, and the Honourable Clayton L. Havey, the Governor's Councillor, these companions, representing Governor Leverett Saltonstall, who was to have been present but, owing to illness, was unable to attend.

From the quarterly address of the G.H.P. we learn that Royal Arch Masonry is progressing favourably in the Jurisdiction.

He concludes with these words:—

"We must not falter with the journey half completed. We must keep faith with those who have trudged this same weary way before us. To those whose step is firm, to him whose courage and strength of vision never fails the goal is always in sight.

"Our pilgrimage, together, on 'the Road Ahead' will go on!"

Quarterly Convocation June 13, 1939.

In his address the G.H.P. recommends the appointment of a special Committee to consider the presentation of the Past Master's Degree.

M. Wor. Bro. Joseph Earl Perry, Grand Master of Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was present and addressed Grand Chapter at the conclusion of which he was presented with the "Paul Revere Distinguished Service Medal" by the G.H.P. with these words:—

"We of Grand Chapter have a tangible way of showing appreciation to men like yourself who render such services on behalf of the Craft, and I am very happy to pin it upon your breast, and assure you that your services have merited this great reward."

Quarterly Convocation September 12, 1939.

The Committee appointed in June to consider the Past Master's Degree reported progress, but had nothing definite to offer as yet.

From the address of the G.H.P. the following is of interest:—

"The clouds that have gathered over the eastern horizon are ominous ones. The rumblings that have been coming to us for many months from across the sea have broken into peals of thunder echoed from the cannon of battle. We cannot tell what lies ahead for us. This I know — that the fundamentals of Freemasonry will stand firm as a guide to all who seek to know the truth.

"May we all resolve to use this rich heritage of ours on every occasion to demonstrate our faith in Almighty God to direct us aright."

Annual Convocation, December 12, 1939.

The Mark, the Most Excellent, and Past Master's Degrees were exemplified under the direction of the Grand Lecturer.

During the evening session the roll of Grand Representatives was called. We are happy to note the presence of Canada's representative, D. Henry Childs.

M. Ex. Comp. W. R. Eakin, G.Z. Quebec, and many other distinguished visitors were introduced and formally received.

From the annual address of the G.H.P. we quote this inspiring thought:—

"May we ever realize that the future of our great institution lies chiefly in our own individual ability to properly and adequately interpret the real character of Masonry. Only in this manner can the youth who stands by the side of the road visualize its true meaning. Only by this means can we hope to create a desire for him to join our ranks and become a part of us. Brightly coloured trappings with tinsel and gaudy decorations to be worn outside will never represent the true character of the Masonry within. We may be obliged to speak a clearer language and our uniforms of service may change in pattern and colour as conditions may require.

But, never, my Companions shall we change our marching song or battle hymn. Never shall the standard which so proudly has flown at the head of the column be altered from its original design.

"Together may we, forever stand for God, our Country and our fellow men.

"May He who leads in front of all of us and whose guiding hand has led our fathers for generations and generations without end, lead us onward and strengthen us in our journey on the Road Ahead — which is, as always, the true Road of Life."

Melvin Maynard Johnson, representing the Scottish Rite, delivered an interesting address. He asks why it is that membership under the Grand Lodge of England is increasing while the opposite is noticeable in America. He gives as a reason, and a very sound reason it is, that England does not regard numbers as merit within the Masonic Fraternity. It rather believes in close companionship and smaller bodies where members may know each other and where a member who cannot attend sends a written excuse. Would that this were

feasible here in Canada — Masonry under such conditions and with such a membership would thrive.

George W. Long was elected and installed as G.H.P. We regret that no published report on Correspondence appears in the Proceedings.

The Order of High Priesthood convened at the close of Grand Chapter.

Archibald J. Stringer represents Massachusetts in Canada.

MICHIGAN

Guy A. Birge, Grand High Priest.

Charles A. Conover, Grand Secretary.

May 15-16, 1940.

Following the opening ritual the G.H.P. declared Grand Chapter open in ample form. Prayer being offered by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Chapter of Michigan having established a well-earned reputation for hospitality, the visitors as usual were many and hailing from Jurisdictions far and near. We note a strong delegation from Canada headed by our Grand Z., Grand H. and Grand Scribe E. Canada has a very warm spot in her heart for Michigan and is usually well represented. This reviewer well remembers the wonderful reception accorded him on his visits to Michigan and only regrets that circumstances beyond his control made it impossible for him to accompany the Canadian delegation. Through this medium he sends greetings to old friends such as Guy Birge, Bill Goff, Francis Lambie and not forgetting the genial Charlie Conover.

The annual address from one so talented as the G.H.P. is an example of an address prepared with care, thought and preciseness. It contains a complete report of the year's activity, decisions, dispensations, recommendations, and visitations. Many splendid thoughts on conditions both within and without the Order, all of these being carefully marshalled in orderly array.

We quote a line or two:—

"We are at peace with the world but we will ever be at war with all influences, all cliques and groups that have as their objective the overthrow of our democracy and those sacred rights and privileges that we enjoy thereunder.

"May all subversive agencies, whether within or beyond our shores, be made to realize the futility of their efforts by a consciousness that the people of these United States have ever present in their minds that patriotic challenge of that great exponent of human liberty, Patrick Henry, when he said:—

"Is life so dear or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery."

In glancing through the multitudinous references to official visits we are startled by the frequent reference to turkey dinners, luncheons and lavish refreshments which seem to form such a substantial part of the G.H.P.'s visitations. We should be interested to learn to what extent Comp. Birge's weight and waist-line suffered during his term of office.

We appreciate his kindly reference to his visit to our Grand Chapter last April. His presence at our meeting gave us an opportunity of renewing a friendship which we value very highly indeed.

Among his rulings we find one which is of more than local interest. He was asked if it were permissible for Chapter members to wear Chapter Aprons and Jewels while attending a Craft Lodge. He ruled that while the wearing of such regalia does not contravene any regulation of Grand Chapter it is, nevertheless, the prerogative of Grand Lodge to determine the dress of those attending Craft meetings. A sane ruling, although in the Province of Ontario, Grand Lodge permits the wearing of Royal Arch Jewels within the portals of Craft Lodges. These are the only Jewels thus permitted, with, of course, the exception of those jewels authorized in Symbolic Masonry. Aprons, however, are not included and all members are required to wear Craft Aprons within the precincts of a Blue Lodge.

Under "State of the Craft" Comp. Birge informs us that conditions are improving and this is evidenced by increased activity and interest, he suggests that much of our trouble is lack of leadership and says:—

"The task is not one that calls for super-men but rather average men who will put forth a little special effort—Men, who as Theodore Roosevelt once said of himself, 'just an average man but who works at it a darn sight harder than the average mn.'"

To all of which we add our applause. Here are his closing remarks:—

"My last thought is to express the hope that this Grand Chapter and Royal Arch Masonry, wheresoever practiced, continue to prosper to the end that the teaching of our Royal Arch Degree of the 'being and existence of a God and the reverence due His Great and Holy name' may be fully impressed upon a world that must give heed to that fact if peace and happiness is to be enjoyed by all mankind."

As usual we turn with interest to the report of that most efficient of all Grand Secretaries, Comp. Charles A. Conover.

We quote his remarks:—

"Inasmuch as the present style which prevails in Grand Chapter Convocations seems to operate to prevent the Grand Secretary from moving his audience to tears by his flow of oratory and the dull program of a lengthy reading of facts and figures is not always conducive to a serene somnolence of the hearers, this report of the Grand Secretary is reduced to print in advance and is thus conveyed to you to be reviewed by you at some chance opportunity when some matter of greater importance fails to press itself to your immediate attention.

"Therefore, as Hamlet says:—

"Since brevity is the soul of wit, and tediousness
the limbs and outward flourishes, I will be brief."

We congratulate Michigan on the continued service of Comp. Conover, whose wealth of experience must be of great assistance in dealing with the vexing problems of a most exacting office.

The committee appointed to revise the Book of Capitular Law—presented a lengthy report containing recommendation which deals with all the phases of Royal Arch Masonry procedure and even include a rule governing the clothing to be worn by Grand Chapter officers.

A specially engrossed and framed plaque was presented to the retiring Grand Treasurer E. F. Brown who, at the age of 78, deems it time to consummate his labours and retire to the line. He becomes Treasurer Emeritus. From the eloquent tribute paid to him by Grand Chapter the following verse is worth-while:—

"The crest and crowning of all good,
Life's final star, is Brotherhood;
For it will bring again to earth
Her long lost poesy and mirth:
Will spread new life on every face,
A kingly power upon the race,
And till it comes we men are slaves,
And travel downward to the dust of graves."

The Obituary Committee presented a very fitting report—dealing with the loss sustained through the efforts of the Grim Reaper both within the boundaries of Michigan and from other Jurisdictions. It concludes with:—

"The heritage of friendship, love
Which Thou hast left behind,
Is like a blessing from above,
In all our hearts enshrined.

"But this our hope! When ta'en at last
With vision clear and bright,
We shall with Thee, Death's portals passed,
Behold Th' eternal light!"

Following the elections Howard H. Bauer was installed as Grand High Priest and Port Huron was selected as the next place of meeting.

We express our regret that no Fraternal Correspondence report or Capitular Review appear in Michigan's Proceedings. A great pity in our opinion, as it provides a contact with other Jurisdictions that helps to knit more closely the scattered units of this world-wide Institution.

Canada is privileged to have as its representative in Michigan—Charles A. Conover.

Dr. Walter G. Price, our beloved Grand Treasurer, has the honour to represent Michigan in Canada.

MISSISSIPPI

R. P. Neblett, Grand High Priest.

Sid. F. Curtis, Grand Secretary.

Ninety-Second Convocation held in Vicksburg, February 14, 1940.

A Constitutional number of Chapters being represented, the G.H.P. opened Grand Chapter in ample form—the Grand Chaplain invoking Divine Blessing on its labours.

From M. Ex. Comp. Neblett's address we learn of his many visitations, his dispensations and his appreciation of the support rendered by his Grand Officers.

Under "State of the Craft" we find reference to a net increase in membership of one hundred during the past year. After reading of the loss sustained in so many Jurisdictions it is indeed refreshing to find one spot on the Capitular map where optimism is supreme.

The G.H.P. concludes with these words:—

"I am glad to hand over to my worthy successor the leadership of as fine a band of Masons as can be found in the wide world, and to him I can unhesitatingly pledge their loyalty, their support and their co-operation. It is my hope, as I finally submit to you the report of my stewardship, that the companions I have met have been as much benefited by the meeting as I, myself. Their warm handclasp, their kind and encouraging words, their many evidences of perfect loyalty to me and interest in the work makes me feel that I am a stronger and better man, husband, father and citizen that I was when I assumed the responsibilities of this office."

The Grand Lecturer, as was to be expected, delivered a very fine address—his closing words should be a source of inspiration to any of his Companions who are discouraged or have failed to absorb some of that optimistic spirit which seems to permeate the Grand Chapter of Mississippi.

We quote:—

“And when we have engaged in a virtuous course, notwithstanding all the trials, impediments, and hardships we may be destined to endure, we should endure them all with fortitude, and ardently preserve unto the end, resting assured of receiving at the termination of our labours, a noble and glorious reward.”

Answering the roll call of P.G.H.P.'s—thirteen of the “Old Guard” responded. They were assembled about the Altar and suitably welcomed.

The report on “Foreign Correspondence” is really worthwhile, yet, as we read the “Foreword” we find cause for regret in that M. Ex. Comp. I. J. Scharff—our fellow-member of the Round Table is about to retire. He informed the Grand Chapter that he unfortunately was unable to devote the necessary time to carry on the Review of other Jurisdictions. We express our personal regret at Comp. Scharff's decision as his reviews have always been among the very best. He will be missed not alone in Mississippi but also by the Correspondents of Royal Arch Masonry throughout the whole Capitular world.

The Review of Canada is complete and much appreciated. Reference is made to the activities of our G.Z. and a glowing tribute is paid to our late reviewer M. Ex. Comp. Col. W. N. Ponton—would that our late brother could read the kindly references made to his reviews. We thank you Comp. Scharff.

Lack of space forbids reference to more than two quotations from the Review of other Grand Chapters.

From Ireland this beautiful tribute to the late Grand Chaplain, Dr. Godfrey Day:—

“It is difficult to define with precision what we mean by the word “saint” but, none the less we all recognize a saint when we meet one. Those who casually met Godfrey Day used to say that he was a saint: those who knew him well knew how truly they spoke. He had the rare spiritual quality which transcends, while it permeates, simple goodness—an abiding sense of the unseen; a sensitiveness to the higher values: a patience with frailty: a tenderness which feels so much for others that it forgets to feel for self.”

and from Montana this poetic gem:—

“Masonry deserves and demands our best, therefore:

‘Build it well, what'er you do;
Build it straight and strong and true:
Build it clear, and high and broad:
Build it for the eyes of God’.”

Jas. W. Williams was elected and duly installed as G.H.P. The Order of High Priesthood convened at the close of Grand Chapter.

We regret to record the passing of Mississippi's representative, R. Ex. Comp. A. A. Gray, of Toronto. Comp. Gray has long been an outstanding figure in Masonic circles and we mourn the loss of an expert craftsman and a faithful friend. Sydney F. Smith of Ottawa, an ardent Mason, assumes the position made vacant through the death of Comp. Gray.

MISSOURI

Carter W. Atkins, Grand High Priest.

R. V. Denslow, Grand Secretary.

The Ninety-Fourth Annual Convocation held in St. Louis on April 23, 1940.

Grand Chapter formally opened by G.H.P. following which Ex. Comp. Rev. H. P. Hunter, Grand Chaplain led in prayer. The Companions sang "America" and many distinguished guests were ushered in and extended a Masonic greeting. We note the presence of visitors from New York, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska and the General Grand Chapter.

M.W. Bro. K. M. Vetsburg, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, and representatives from Grand Council and the Grand Commandery were also introduced and accorded honours suitable to their rank.

Sixteen P.G.H.P.'s of Missouri were received at the Altar and presented. It is noteworthy that only one P.G.H.P. was absent. Truly an evidence that interest in Royal Arch Masonry does not wane in Missouri.

In response to the words of welcome the Grand Master, who is also President of the Temple Association, reminded Grand Chapter that it had materially contributed to the splendid St. Louis Temple, which cost three million, three hundred thousand dollars. We in Canada are simply amazed at this achievement, and congratulate the Masons on this generous evidence of their loyalty to the craft.

From the Grand High Priest's address we learn that business connections kept him out of the State during his entire term and, as a result, his visitations were extremely limited, these, however, were made by other officers representing him. His dispensations and rulings were all of a routine character and of local interest only. Reference is made to a visit by Royal Arch Masons of Winnipeg to Kansas City for the pur-

pose of conferring the Royal Arch Degree according to the Canadian ritual. A journey of one thousand miles. Nine Grand Jurisdictions and ninety-one Chapters were represented at the conferring of the degree. .

Comp. Atkins closes a very interesting address with this expression of sound judgment.

Cling to the tenets of the craft by all means. But let us have vision—a vision born of a desire to fit the objectives of fraternalism into the complex pattern of brotherhood of man. Truly our future is in our hands."

Dealing with Necrology the committee presented a fitting tribute to the fraternal dead, it concludes with the beautiful words of Thomas Curtis Clark:—

"Say not that death is kind, that night is Lord
That loveliness is passing, beauty dies:
Nor tell me hope's a vain, deceptive dream
Fate lends to life, a pleasing, luring gleam
To light awhile the earth's despondent skies,
Till death brings swift and sure its dread reward.
Say not that youth deceives, but age is true,
That roses quickly pass, while cypress bides,
That happiness is foolish, grief is wise,
That stubborn dust shall choke our human cries,
Death tells new worlds, and life immortal hides
Beyond the veil, which shall all wrong undo.
This was the tale God breathed to me at dawn
When flooding sunrise told me that night was gone."

In his address the Grand Lecturer has this to say regarding the visit of the Manitoba Companions to Missouri:—

"Our Canadian companions, loyal to another government, at war with a nation that has banned Freemasonry, crossed an unguarded boundary without even the formality of a passport, and were greeted as friends and brothers. God speed the day when such friendship and brotherhood and confidence in fellowmen may be world wide. Then will 'swords be beaten into plowshares and spears into pruning forks'."

Companion Denslow, as usual, presented a really fine review—his foreword under the caption of "The Capitular Year" is a scholarly dissertation on world-wide Masonry. He refers to the effect of the war on Capitular Masonry in Scotland, makes lengthy reference to the withdrawal of Massachusetts from the General Grand Chapter and disagrees with the suggestion contained in the address of the G.H.P. of Arizona with respect to the objective of the Capitular Craft. This suggestion apparently has to do with the maintenance of Hospitals, the loaning of money to those in distress, the establish-

ment of educational foundations and similar movements. The reviewer apparently considers these beyond the scope of Masonic activity and concludes his comments by saying:—

“And Freemasonry cannot be commercialized and live.”

We agree with this pert remark but wonder if the splendid work being done by Masonic bodies along the lines of humanitarianism should be considered as commercializing Masonry. We think not.

Comp. Denslow's review of the various jurisdictions is topically arranged and, as we remarked last year, is extremely interesting, definitely illuminative but also distinctly difficult for us to review. Altogether we find Missouri's Reviews sufficiently entertaining to ensure our reading them in their entirety. We like to review Missouri as we find much with which we are in accord and here and there something with which we do not agree. Such is life.

Walter J. Bublitz was elected and installed G.H.P. for 1940-41, the retiring G.H.P. being presented with a watch.

Canada is represented in Missouri by Orson H. Swearingner, while W. J. Tow, of Toronto, faithfully performs a like duty for Missouri near our Grand Chapter.

MONTANA

Herbert F. Hosfeld, Grand High Priest.

Luther T. Hauberg, Grand Secretary.

The Fifty-First Convocation held in Billings on June 18th, 1940.

Grand Chapter was opened in ample form by the G.H.P. with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

M. Ex. Comp. John H. Anderson, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, the G.H.P.'s of Idaho and South Dakota and the G. Scribe of Minnesota were formally received, saluted and seated in the Grand East.

From the biographical sketch of M. Ex. Comp. Hosfeld, we learn that he is a man with many likeable qualities. That he graduated from the college of Pharmacy with the degree of Doctor of Pharmacy, a prominent and respected citizen with a lengthy and brilliant record in all branches of Masonry, and the opinion of his Masonic associates is epitomized in these words “An Outstanding Mason, a Loyal Friend, an Esteemed Citizen.”

From the G.H.P.'s address we learn that Royal Arch Masonry in Montana is making progress in the right direction and that the defeatist attitude must be discouraged if Masonry is to succeed.

He refers to the appointment of James Herriott, of Toronto, as Grand Representative in Canada, succeeding the late lamented W. M. Logan. We assure the G.H.P. that no mistake has been made in the selection of Comp. Herriot—faithful, active and efficient is our tribute.

Under the caption of General Grand Chapter, the G.H.P. refers to the resolution adopted that calls upon Masons generally to denounce Communism as un-christian, Nazism and Fascism as un-American and urges all to combat, by every effective and lawful means, the influence of these enemies of democracy.

Reference is also made to the too generous supply of rituals in subordinate Chapters, which should be limited and each Chapter liable in a substantial sum for each ritual in its possession. A wise thought and one which we trust may be adopted.

The G.H.P. says the real trouble in all Branches of the Craft is lack of constructive leadership. How true, how true. He also recommends that Life Membership in Grand Chapter be confined to those who have attained the age of 65, and that Life Membership in Constituent Chapters be available only upon payment of a fee of not less than 20 years dues. Life memberships apparently are not any more helpful in Montana than they are here in Canada.

In an interesting dissertation on Masonic Charity, Comp. Hosfeld concludes a very fine address in these words:—

“It is not always easy to speak well, but not to speak ill only requires silence.”

Memorial Services were held during the afternoon session in memory of the fraternal dead with a special memorial for the late M. Ex. Comp. Chas. A. Rasmusson.

The Report on Correspondence and the Capitular Review is from the facile pen of Claude J. McAllister and, as usual, is intensely interesting.

In his report he refers to a story related of Gandhi in these words:—

“On one occasion a holy hermit, a Brahmin ascetic, said to him that he ought to retire to a cave and live for meditation alone. His reply is worth noting and treasuring by every Companion of the Royal Arch. “I am striving,” he said, “to reach the Kingdom of Heaven which is called

liberation of the soul. In order to reach this I need not seek refuge in a cave. I CARRY MY CAVE WITH ME." It is evident as we have journeyed through the Veils in the Quarries of the Capitular World the Companions of the Royal Arch are carrying their caves, or "VAULTED SHRINES" with them; marching ever onward with unfaltering steps to firmly establish the precepts and teachings of Capitular Masonry in the hearts of men."

and from a most inspiring and eloquent foreword this beautiful thought:—

"As the rose unfolds its beauty under the benign influence of the morning sun so this eloquent plea of a contrite heart reveals the sublime grandeur of a glorious faith as fair as the Rose of Sharon. Faith is the loveliest flower in the garden of the heart whose fragrance animates hope in the human soul. In the face of a broken cultural unity throughout the world when it seems that life itself is going to pieces mankind needs to strike the one and only way with a faith that will hold the world together:—

The Review is not by Grand Chapters but rather under topical headings dealing with matters of interest to every Jurisdiction. Under "Foreign Relations" we find these words:—

"The light of Love still shines from Calvary's Cross to guide men as the world is passing through its Gethsemane. May that light of Love unify the Capitular Craft into one firm, indissoluble and irresistible force whose end and aim shall forever be the organization of men under the banner of brotherhood for a better, kindlier and more Christian world."

A truly magnificent review Comp. McAllister, accept our plaudits of appreciation.

Emil E. Blumenthal was elected G.H.P.

H. T. Cummings represents Canada in Montana.

NEVADA

Walter S. Macpherson, Deputy and Acting Grand High priest.

Edward C. Peterson, Grand Secretary.

The Sixty-Seventh Annual Convocation was convened in the City of Virginia on June 11, 1940.

Grand Chapter was opened in due form by R. Ex. Comp. Macpherson, Deputy Grand High Priest.

Ex. Comp. Rev. M. J. Hersey, Grand Chaplain, leading in prayer. Nine P.G.H.P.'s were in attendance.

M.W. Bro. C. A. Carlson, Jr., G.M. of Grand Lodge of Nevada was presented at the Altar and welcomed with honours. Charles H. Gorman, G.M. of R. and S.M. was introduced and officially received.

Sister Jurisdictions were well represented by their accredited Grand Representatives among whom we are happy to note Peter Enrietti representing Canada.

Owing to the death of M. Ex. Comp. Carl F. Dodge, G.H.P., who passed from his labours on April 23, 1940, after a lengthy illness—the Deputy G.H.P.—R. Ex. Comp. Macpherson presented the annual address in which is combined reports from the several officers who assisted him in carrying on the work of Grand Chapter during the illness and since the death of M. Ex. Comp. Dodge.

In his preliminary remarks Comp. Macpherson makes feeling reference to the passing of the G.H.P. The Grand Chaplain led in a most eloquent prayer after quoting the following:—

“MY DEAD”

“I cannot think of them as dead
Who walk with me no more;
Along the path of life I tread
They have but gone before.”

The Deputy G.H.P. reminded Grand Chapter that they were meeting in a city which saw the birth of Grand Chapter in 1873.

Reports from the various officers indicate that Royal Arch Masonry is progressing favorably in the state of Nevada, the finances of Grand Chapter have shown an increase, while a gain in membership is the refreshing news from the Grand Secretary.

From the Committee on Necrology we quote this reference to the death of G.H.P. Dodge:—

“In full appreciation of the magnitude of our loss we cite the passing of our Most Excellent Grand High Priest Carl F. Dodge, whose outstanding fidelity to our precepts and whose zeal in Masonry are well known to all of us.

“Not for him but for us should our tears be shed
Mourn, mourn, for the living but not for the dead.

Let the dirge be unsung and awaken the Psalm,
No Cypress for him who lies crowned with the Palm.”

Canada extends deepest sympathy to our Companions of Nevada in the loss of their beloved leader.

From the Grand Oration by W. E. Fitzgerald the following beautiful thought is worth reproducing:—

“Following the teachings of Masonry cannot help but lead us in the way to a better spiritual and physical life. Masonry teaches its Ini-

tiates that the pursuits and occupations of this life, its activity, care and ingenuity, the predestined developments of the nature given us by God, tend to promote His great purpose of life.

"Let us keep that spiritual flame burning on our altars and in our hearts, our trust being in God our faith is well founded and gives us the courage and confidence to follow our Masonic Belief, Liberty, Truth, Justice and Equality for all. Let us guard these rights as they have been handed down to us through centuries as a sacred trust and in the world today those rights have been largely taken away through tyranny and force."

Walter S. Macpherson was duly installed as G.H.P. for the ensuing year.

No report on Fraternal Relations appears in the Proceedings.

The Order of High Priesthood was opened in solemn form at the close of Grand Chapter.

John F. Marr, of Guelph, is the faithful representative of Nevada near our Grand Chapter.

NEW BRUNSWICK

Temple E. Sutherland, First Grand Principal.

Roy E. Crawford, Grand Scribe E.

The Fifty-Second Annual Convocation was held in St. John on June 22, 1939.

M. Ex. Comp. Sutherland declared Grand Chapter open and then presented his annual address in which he gives a very brief report on the year's work. He pays tribute to the late Comp. W. R. Bennett whose death was a great shock to his many friends and Masonic associates. He recommends that a set amount be allowed Grand Superintendents for travelling expenses during their year of office. He closes with a note of appreciation to those who so ably assisted him during the past year.

As last year, Grand Chapter took recess, during which the members enjoyed a delightful sail on the historic Saint John River as guests of Carleton Chapter.

Representatives of Sister Jurisdictions were received and officially welcomed. Edgar W. Mair, who represents our Grand Chapter, unfortunately was not present to respond to the roll call.

The election of officers followed and M. Ex. Comp. T. E. Sutherland was re-elected Grand Z., while R. Ex. Comp. Crawford again assumes the exacting duties of G.S.E.

No report on Fraternal Correspondence appears in the proceedings.

Following an established custom, Degree Teams from Fredericton Chapter and Carleton Chapter conferred the Mark Master and Most Excellent Master Degrees for the edification of the members of Grand Chapter.

New Brunswick is represented near our Grand Chapter by that active Masonic veteran, John W. Plewes, of London, Ontario.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Allan M. Wilson, Grand High Priest.

J. Melvin Dresser, Grand Secretary.

The One Hundred and Twenty-First Annual Convocation was held in Concord on May 14, 1940.

Grand Chapter opened in ample form, M. Ex. Comp. Wilson presiding.

Grand Representatives and delegations from Maine, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New York were duly honoured and received a friendly greeting.

The G.H.P. delivered an interesting and impressive address from which we give you a few lines:—

“Out of this meeting of men and brethren, who believe in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of all men, may there come broader visions, a deeper devotion to our Fraternity and its principles and a richer fruition of effort than we have ever known before.”

and these beautiful words from his reference to the fraternal dead:—

“Gone before to that Unknown and Silent Shore.” To them all, the veteran who died with long life and its rewards and the one whose face paled too early, the tender sentiment of our Fraternity makes recognition and speaks its tribute. We thank our Heavenly Father for their lives and their friendship and ask Him to keep them forever in the Light of His Presence.”

“It seemeth such a little way to me

Across to that strange country—the Beyond;

And yet not strange, for it has grown to be

The home of those of whom I am so fond;

They make it seem familiar and most dear,

Like journeying friends bring distant regions near.

And so for me there is no sting to death,

And so the grave has lost its victory;

It is but crossing—with bated breath

And white, set face—a little strip of sea.

To find the loved ones waiting on the shore,

More beautiful, more precious than before.”

A report on visitations and other official acts presents a word picture of the year's work.

In referring to a request for approval of an Amendment to a Chapter by-law regarding fees, the G.H.P. has this to say :—

“I am still strongly of the opinion that the way to future progress in our rite lies in a different course than by minimizing our worth and selling ourselves cheaply.”

We heartily endorse this comment which is the studied opinion of leaders of Masonry in every Jurisdiction.

Under the Caption of “State of the Rite” the G.H.P. leaves with us many worthwhile thoughts:—

“The world is in turmoil. Great nations are at war. All the finer sentiments of humanity are being forgotten. The underlying and basic tenets of our profession are being denied in many of the so-called civilized nations of the world. God and religion are being mocked at. Brotherhood is a forgotten word. Human dictators sit themselves up as gods, to whom all obedience must be offered. Masonry, with its belief in God, with its fundamental doctrine of the dignity, worth, and sanctity of the individual personality has no place in such a world as these dictators are now attempting to establish.”

In a plea to his companions to return to their Chapters, forgetting all their difficulties, ceasing criticisms and mourning over the past—he strongly suggests a resolution to commence the rebuilding of our Holy Temple. He illustrates his thought by quoting a poem dealing with the tearing down of a structure by unskilled labour.

Here is the last verse:—

“I thought to myself as I went my way,
Which of these roles have I tried to play?
Am I a builder who marks with care,
Measuring life by rule and a square?
Am I shaping my deeds to a well made plan?
Patiently doing the best I can?
Or am I a wrecker who walks the town
Content with the labour of tearing down?”

The address concludes with a generous reference to the assistance rendered during the year by the Grand Officers.

Election of officers resulted in the advancement to the Chair of G.H.P. of Harry B. Tasker who was legally installed in office by M. Ex. Comp. F. N. Graves.

No Fraternal report is published—a regrettable fact—we are strongly of the opinion that these Reviews are conducive to much good—in many cases they are the only point of contact between Grand Chapters whose geographical location makes inter-visits very difficult.

The Order of High Priesthood convened at the close of Grand Chapter.

We note with regret that our representative, Arthur M. Dunstan, was not present to answer on our behalf.

M. Ex. Comp. Walter H. Davis, of Hamilton, Ontario, one of Canada's foremost Masons, has the honour of representing New Hampshire.

NEW JERSEY

Arthur P. Johnson, Grand High Priest.

Chas. D. McCracken, Grand Secretary.

The Eighty-Fourth Annual held in Trenton on May 15, 1940.

Grand Chapter opened in ample form followed by prayer by the Grand Chaplain, a salute to the flag and the singing of the National Anthem.

Nine Past Grand High Priests were received and honoured.

Howard B. Lee marshalled and fittingly presented the distinguished guests.

These represented many Sister Jurisdictions, the Grand Council, The Knights Templar, Scottish Rite, General Grand Chapter and, last but certainly not least, the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

Grand Representatives were then assembled and each answered for his particular Grand Chapter.

Many of the leaders in Royal Arch Masonry in composing their annual address have given us little more than a narrative of the year's routine work, no inspirational thought, no suggestion for our improvement, no literary contribution of lofty ideals, indeed, nothing that we can read and cherish as a mental souvenir of their term of office. There are exceptions of course and among these the address of M. Ex. Comp. Johnson is noteworthy.

Following his tribute to the Fraternal Dead the Grand Chaplain offered up a most eloquent plea to God—The Giver of All Good. The concluding lines of which we quote:—

“May the departure of our late Companions be to us a challenge to live and serve in faithfulness for the advancement of our Fraternity and the glory of our Great High Priest on High, in whose blessed name we pray. Amen.

“There are smiling spots and bonnie
In this world where we abide,
But out there on yon hill-top

The graves lie side by side:
You may cover them with garlands,
You may brighten them with bloom,
But you cannot quell the longing
For the loved one in the tomb."

Among the multifarious dispensations sought and, in most cases granted, we find one that is of more than passing interest. A Chapter asks dispensation to cancel a regular meeting in order that a Chapter of the Eastern Star might use their room. This was refused. No reason given but to your reviewer the reason is not only obvious but entirely proper.

An endowment fund having been inaugurated in 1939, the G.H.P. informs us that the appeal has met with a generous response, over one thousand dollars being donated during the past twelve months, the money being presented to the Masonic Home of N.J.—a most worthy cause.

The address concludes with these lines of Edgar Guest:—

"I'd like to think when life is done
That I had filled a needed post,
That here and there I'd paid my fare,
With more than idle talk and boast;
That I had taken gifts divine,
That breath of life and manhood fine,
And tried to use them now and then
In service for my fellow men.

"I'd like to think that here and there
When I am gone, there shall remain
A happier spot that might have not
Existed had I toiled for gain:
That someone's cheery voice and smile
Shall prove that I had been worthwhile:
That I had paid with something fine
My debt to God for life divine."

From the report on the doings of Grand Officers this comment on Masonry:—

"Founded by God-fearing men, our great Fraternity has carried the torch of light where there was darkness, and today we again declare our Fidelity to our Ancient Craft, which, through God's blessings, has strength and wisdom, as well as love and affection for its fellowman."

David McGregor presented a most interesting and readable Review. Canada, as usual, enjoying two pages of quotations and comments on our meeting in Windsor. Nothing of importance seems to have been omitted, while a generous excerpt from the G.Z.'s address is given prominence.

Jesse A. Biggs was elected and installed as G.H.P. Comp. McCracken continues as Grand Secretary.

The Annual Convention of High Priests followed the closing of Grand Chapter.

Dr. Godfrey Pittis is Canada's representative in N.J. Each year we look for Dr. Pittis who for quite some time has made an annual pilgrimage to our Grand Chapter, in which he has a host of admiring friends, of our N.J. representative we may well say "Sempre Fidelis."

New Jersey is equally well served in Canada by A. D. MacIntyre, of Toronto, who is always present and active.

NEW MEXICO

Louis C. Rockett, Grand High Priest.

A. A. Keen, Grand Secretary.

The Forty-Third Annual Convocation held in Albuquerque, on May 6, 1940.

Grand Chapter declared open in due form, R. Ex. Comp. Rolland, Deputy Grand High Priest in the chair. Eight P.G. H.P.'s assumed their places in the East.

The Deputy G.H.P. asked the Grand Secretary to read a letter received from the G.H.P. in which he expressed regret at his inability to be present due to a serious illness which had confined him to bed. Grand Chapter appointed three Companions to draft a suitable memorial to G.H.P. Rockett.

The Annual Address of the G.H.P. was read by R. Ex. Comp. Rolland. We quote a line or two from comments on the condition of Capitular Masonry:—

"There has been no great surge or increase in Royal Arch Masonry during this six months period. On the other hand, there has been no general let-down. It seems that we move along in about the same tempo, a little effort here and a little effort there."

Under recommendations we are somewhat surprised to note that Past High Priests are to be deprived of voting power in Grand Chapter. This is at variance with conditions in Canada where Past Rulers form the backbone of our constituent Chapter and are the most active of our membership in Grand Chapter.

M. Ex. Comp. Rockett concludes with these words:—

"Short as it has been, another Capitular Year is drawing to a close. Many things yet remain to be done but the inexorable passage of time requires that they be undone or transmitted to our successors to handle from the point where we have left off. What has been done, is done.

The record has been made, it cannot be altered. Companions, I thank you."

The financial affairs of Grand Chapter appear to be in capable hands. The Masonic Home Fund is approximately \$26,000.00 which shows a very healthy position when combined with the General and other Funds. A slight loss in membership is recorded.

The report on Necrology is prefaced by one of Robert Freeman's beautiful poems—the final verses of which we cite:—

"When souls go down to the sea by ship
And the dark ship's name is Death,
Why mourn and wail at the vanishing sail?
Though outward bound, God's world is round,
And only a ship is Death.

"When I go down to the sea by ship,
And Death unfurls her sail,
Weep not for me, for there will be
A living host on another coast
To beckon and give 'All Hail'."

The tribute to the Fraternal Dead is fitting and we are constrained to quote a line or two:—

"Pausing, we reflect that we were not, now are, and soon will not be, that to each has been given but a second of time on earth when compared with the eternity awaiting us, then as we have used Masonry as an aid in charting our course here, it will become a guiding star of inestimable value in our preparation for life eternal."

M. Ex. Comp. Reuben Perry presents his tenth report on Foreign Correspondence and a splendid report it is. We have but one criticism and that among the many jurisdictions reviewed we failed to find "Canada." We forgive you Comp. Perry but trust we may merit consideration in your next review.

In his foreword Comp. Perry has much to say with respect to incompetent secretaries and attributes a share of our trials and difficulties to unbusiness-like methods—to all of which we add our applause.

Frank C. Rolland was elected G.H.P. and properly installed by M. Ex. Comp. Lloyd B. Johnson.

John W. Elder represents the Grand Chapter of Canada in New Mexico while the interests of New Mexico are worthily represented here by Frank A. Copus of Stratford, Ontario.

NEW YORK

R. Pearson Bowles, Grand High Priest.

Charles C. Hunt, Grand Secretary.

The One Hundred and Forty-Third Annual Convocation held in the City of Albany, February 6th, 1940. Grand Chapter was opened and prayer was offered at the Altar by Rev. C. D. Broughton. From his most eloquent invocation we quote:—

“Deepen the sense of fellowship with all, of every name and faith, who seek to build a society of peace and good will upon earth. May our minds be enlightened by wisdom, our hands by skill, and our spirits enriched by love. May the gates of new opportunity open before us as we face the days and years of the future with their unmeasured possibilities for evil and for good. All this we ask in the name of the Good Master of life. Amen.”

After the salute to the flag, and the singing of the Star Spangled Banner, the Grand Representatives were received and formally greeted.

Guests were present from many other Jurisdictions while the Scottish Rite, the Grand Commandery and the Grand Council were all duly represented.

M.W. Bro. J. C. Klinck, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of N.Y. was introduced by Seth T. Cole in these words:—

“Most Excellent Grand High Priest, to show the intimate connections which exist between the Master Mason’s Degree and the Holy Royal Arch, and in accordance with the time-honoured tradition of the Grand Chapter, the Grand Lodge of New York is represented here today; represented by a Grand Master, a Grand Master of Industry, and one of the Great Grand Masters of this Empire State.”

M. Ex. Comp. J. H. Anderson, General Grand H.P. was warmly greeted and invited to assume the chair. From an inspirational address by M. Ex. Comp. Bowles, we quote a few extracts which are of more than passing interest:—

“Today we meet with the thunder of cannons, the crash of bombs, and the rattle of machine guns assailing our ears. True, the scene of the conflict is some thousands of miles away, but nevertheless it has involved our good friends and peaceful neighbours to the North. To them we extend the hand of brotherly love and affection and wish them well in this battle for democratic rights and principles. It is of paramount interest to us all that the warring governments represent, not only Democracy versus Despotism, but also Masonic versus Anti-Masonic. It is a trite saying that the worldwide acceptance of Masonic teachings and philosophy would terminate war, but unless every Mason is prepared to actively live and disseminate these philosophies we will never see the time when they will become the yardstick for the measurement of individual or national conduct.

The Grand High Priest pays tribute to the death of C. Tracey Stagg, P.G.H.P., quoting Longfellow's immortal lines:

"There is no death! What seems so is transition:
This life of mortal breath
Is but a suburb of the life Elysian
Whose portal we call Death

Dispensations and other routine official acts are fully covered. Among the appointments we are pleased to note the name of M. Ex. Comp. W. Y. Mills of Kingston replacing the late C. W. Haentschel, P.G.Z., as the Grand Representative of New York near our Grand Chapter. We congratulate Comp. Mills and, at the same time, assure our friends in New York that they have made no mistake in their selection. W. Y. Mills is one of Canada's outstanding Masons—always interested, energetic and faithful to any trust reposed in him.

M. Ex. Comp. Bowles referred to the annual appropriation for charity which amounted to \$2,400.00, all of which was disbursed under his personal direction. He also made reference to the Tuberculosis Relief Fund to which \$1,918.79 has been subscribed during the year. We, in Canada, applaud the splendid humanitarian work being done by our neighbours in New York.

He also has this to say:—

"The most insidious enemy of a nation is the saboteur who lives as a respected citizen and the Mason who tears down confidence in Masonry is literally a human termite that gnaws at the vitals of the fraternity until but a hollow shell remains. To accomplish this we must have absolute loyalty to Masonic ideals and principles from every member of every Masonic organization."

Under the caption of Church Service the G.H.P. makes this comment:—

"Masons have frequently been accused of being poor church members. This accusation is unjust, for my experience indicates that Masons are average men and are no better or no worse than other men in attending public worship. Thanking God through public worship fifty-two times a year, and the generous support of our Church activities, should be considered a privilege by the Companions of this State."

A very fine address concludes with these prophetic words:—

"The Capitular Rite can continue to prosper and grow only in proportion to the contribution of each Companion to its growth and prosperity."

"The present is our own; but while we speak
 We cease from its possession, and resign
 The stage we tread on, to another race,
 As vain, and gay, and mortal as ourselves.

Apparently, like other Jurisdictions, New York is finding it difficult to combat that old bug-bear of Masonry—"life-membership"—a committee formed to consider this question reports that many constituent Chapters find themselves in an embarrassing position due to a large number of members having availed themselves of life-membership at extremely low rates. The Committee suggest that every Chapter should immediately examine the basis of life membership and place it on a sound financial footing. We heartily agree with this report and are firmly convinced that only by setting up an actuarial basis that will compensate the Chapter during the life-time of the individual member may we hope to relieve this very poignant menace to our financial structure.

The memorial to the Dead is written by Rev. C. D. Broughton and, as to be expected, is fitting and lofty in thought. Taking as a title "Where shall we go when trouble comes," he reminds us of God's gracious promise "Call on Me in the day of trouble and I will deliver thee." He illustrates by using the story of Robinson Crusoe who, having found among the contents retrieved from the wreck of his ship, the Bible, found therein his greatest comfort and, in due time, began to think less of his deliverance from the desert island and more about his relationship to God. The memorial closes with:—

"O then what raptured greetings
 On Canaan's happy shore!
 What knitting severed friendships up
 Where partings are no more!
 Then eyes with joy shall sparkle
 That brimmed with tears of late
 Orphans no longer fatherless
 Nor widows desolate."

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the experienced pen of Geo. E. Briggs. In the opening words of his "Introduction" he quotes the following:—

"Alas! how swift the moments fly! How flash the years along! The stream of time glides smoothly on, and is past before we know."

He reminds us that his health is far from normal, recovering slowly from a lengthy illness. May we interpret the earnest hope of his Canadian friends that he may ultimately be restored to his accustomed good health and vigour.

His foreword is refreshing and inspires confidence in the future.

In a commentary on membership he says:—

“Don’t worry about membership. It will come back, the kind we want. We had a lot which was of no use to us.

“When the meeting’s called to order
And you look around the room
You’re sure to see some faces
That from out the shadows loom.
They are always at the meeting
And they’ll stay until its through—
The ones that I would mention
Are the always faithful few.

His closing remarks are particularly attractive and will earn well-merited applause from all who read them:—

“As we have passed metamorphically along the Capitular highway, we have not been looking up at the high, cold stars but at the little bright lamps in the windows of the tabernacles along the rugged path, which have illuminated the way and brought us to our annual terminus, as inexorably as steel rails lead a street car long its predestined line of traffic.

“Some one has said, ‘Come and he cometh; go and he goeth; speak and he speaketh; write and he writeth. Be silent and he sitteth down.’ In obedience thereto, once more we melt inconspicuously into the scenery like a ptarmigan.”

Canada receives friendly consideration, our meeting in Windsor being fully reviewed. His tribute to the late Col. W. N. Ponton is one that will find a responsive chord in the hearts of all Canadian Masons. Truly our late brother was a most lovable character and his passing has left a vacant chair in our Grand Chapter which will mark the spot where sat one of Masonry’s most cultured and distinguished sons. He is no longer with us but we still have happy memories, finding comfort in the words of the late Sir James M. Barrie:—

“God gave us memory that we might have roses in December.”

Charles J. Wells was elected and regularly installed as G. H. P. Comp. Hunt was reelected Grand Secretary.

The popular R. L. Donovan represents our Grand Chapter in New York.

NEW ZEALAND

John Hobson, First Grand Principal.

F. J. Rea, Grand Scribe E.

Forty-Eighth Annual held in Auckland, February 21, 1940.

The Companions assembled under their respective banners, the First Grand Principal was received with honours and Grand Chapter was opened in ample form and with solemn prayer, followed by the singing of the National Anthem.

The following is from the G.Z.'s valedictory address:—

“Once again the Convocation of Grand Chapter meets under world conditions which beleave us to consider carefully what our actions should be under the most unusual stress laid upon our Empire. Unfortunately, the British Commonwealth of Nations, together with their gallant ally France, have again been compelled to take up arms in defence of the oppressed. A ruthless despot under the promptings of vanity and an insane ambition to dominate the world deliberately set about the destruction of innocent and helpless peoples, and, screeching defiance to a world that only wanted peace and freedom, has plunged Europe into a welter of blood. Our national existence and the foundation of everything that make life tolerable and human progress possible are threatened, and we have accepted our share of the task of defence with the determination that humanity shall not continue to be subordinated to brute force.”

Canada reverberates with similar sentiments to those so admirably expressed by the G.Z.

From the report of the Supreme Committee we quote:—

“Since our last report the storm clouds which have been hovering over Europe have burst, and our Empire has been forced to make the stupendous sacrifice of entering a war for the preservation of that freedom which is so dear to every member of our Institution. While we are not in a position to know what lies ahead, we trust that each will be given strength to perform his allotted task as a citizen and as a Freemason.”

Under “Honoris Causa” the committee recommend an advancement in rank for a number of companions whose years of labour in the quarries of the Royal Arch warrant this acknowledgement of their efforts.

The reports of the Grand Superintendent of the various districts indicate that despite the unusual conditions prevailing, marked activity and enthusiastic interest is the keynote throughout the jurisdiction.

Grand Chapter carries on a splendid work among the underprivileged. A Fund known as the Jubilee Memorial Scholarship Fund provides scholarships for boys and girls who have been inmates of the Masonic Home. These scholarships enable the fortunate few selected to attend either Tech-

nical Schools or University College with all expense being defrayed from the Jubilee Fund.

Following the election of officers Comp. D. Duncan was duly and legally installed as Grand Z. Wellington being selected as the next place of meeting.

Canada is represented in New Zealand by James H. Harkness, while Dr. J. Austin Evans of Toronto has the honour of representing New Zealand in this Jurisdiction.

NORTH CAROLINA

D. E. Bulluck, Grand High Priest.

W. Ritchie Smith, Grand Secretary.

The One Hundred and Eighteenth Annual held in Charlotte on May 14-15, 1940.

Following the Invocation by Dr. J. L. Peacock, Grand Chaplain, the G.H.P. declared Grand Chapter open. Ten Past Grand High Priests were received with Grand Honours as also were the G.H.P. of South Carolina and R.E. Comp. C. E. Webber of Virginia.

The G.H.P.'s address is a brief report on his official acts during the past year. Under Condition of the Craft we find one encouraging statement. Comp. Bullock informs us that a greater interest is manifested than has been apparent for some years. He refers specifically to one Chapter that records an increase of 60 per cent. for the year. This is a remarkable showing.

Finances, according to the Grand Treasurer's report, appear to be in a remarkably healthy condition. We note with interest the special Charity Fund of \$885.00.

The Grand Chaplain presented a fitting memorial to the Fraternal Dead, which he concludes with:—

"The pains of death are past:
Labour and sorrow cease:
And life's long warfare closed at last,
Their souls are found in peace.

From the address of Comp. C. E. Webber of Virginia we find these lines which are of peculiar interest to Canadian Masons, having been taken from the 1939 message of King George VI.:—

"I said to a man, who stood at the gate,
'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown'.
And he replied: 'Go out into the darkness,
And put your hand into the hand of God'."

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence is written by J. Edward Allen, unlike the majority of "Reviews" he does not comment upon the activities of each Grand Chapter, but, gives instead an interesting resume of Capitular Masonry as seen by him in the perusal of the Proceedings of Sister Jurisdictions.

Under the caption "North Carolina is honoured," he pays tribute to John H. Anderson, a member of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina and titular ruler of the General Grand Chapter of the U.S.A.

Comp. Allen gives us much to think about in his remarks relative to the tendency in Lodges and Chapters to "talk the members to death." We quote a line or two on this subject:—

"It is rank discourtesy to an invited speaker, be his place that of honour speaker, Grand High Priest, Grand Master or what not, to have him present with the message of the evening and to let the evening be killed with other speeches which (when measured by volume) preponderate over his and overshadow it. As Grand High Priest, if we ever get to be such, we shall expect to make the speech of the occasion and to have the Companions relieved of additional boring."

How true these words, and how wide-spread the practice of an over-plus of oratory. We, too, have experienced that uncomfortable feeling that takes possession of a speaker whose address was scheduled to be the feature of the evening and who is not called upon until the audience have been surfeited with preliminary speeches. We heartily agree with Comp. Allen's statement that "Masons do not wish to listen to undirected or excessive oratory."

Following the election of officers Chas. M. Gueth was installed into the office of G.H.P.

A Silver Service was presented to the M. Ex. Comp. Bullock on his retirement.

The City of New Bern was selected as the next place of meeting. Dr. W. G. Bandy represents Canada in North Carolina, we regret to note that he was not among those recorded as being present. North Carolina is represented by the ever-faithful Frank G. McLean of Toronto.

NORTH DAKOTA

Alfred P. Brownson, Grand High Priest.

Walter L. Stockwell, Grand Secretary.

The Fifty-First Annual Convocation held in Fargo on January 23rd, 1940

Grand Chapter was opened by the G.H.P. with Comp. Airheart, in the absence of the Grand Chaplain, delivering an impressive prayer.

Angus D. McCormick, G.H.P. of Minnesota, Henry H. Dean, P.G.H.P. Iowa, Sam H. Jackson, Grand Z. Saskatchewan, Frank E. Simmons, P.G.Z. Manitoba, and H. Wilson, also of Manitoba. All were presented and received a cordial welcome. After Grand Honours had been given they were escorted to the East.

An international touch was given to the proceedings by the singing of God Save the King—following the National Anthem of the United States, while both Old Glory and the Union Jack were prominently displayed.

Representatives of the Grand Council, the Knights Templar and the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota were introduced and duly honoured.

R.W. Bro. Eugene Taylor spoke in behalf of Grand Lodge using these words:—

“In ancient Craft Masonry we are seekers after Light and symbolically Light is received. What use are we making of our Light. Surely the world needs it now more than ever before. We seem to be slipping back in the darkness. The doctrines of Freemasonry are such that we know no classes or distinctions. We meet upon the level and have a common aim. Let us help restore peace. Masonic influence was never more necessary than now. Faith in God and the future of our country must be uppermost in our hearts and minds. It is a time when we must make ourselves heard and our influence felt. If one Master and twelve disciples could change the entire course of human history, surely the influence of three million Masons ought to accomplish something in this day. Ours is the responsibility. It cannot be avoided.”

In his annual address M. Ex. Comp. Brownson referred to his Dispensations, Decisions, Appointments and Visitations. In speaking of his visit to the Grand Chapter of Manitoba he said:—

“While we have seen our Canadian Companions in session previously, it is always satisfying to see the dignity of their work. I sometimes think that we, on this side of the line, could take a lesson in sincerity from them.”

A canvass of the Constituent Chapters on the subject of making a further reduction in fees resulted in the matter being abandoned—the consensus of opinion being that any further reduction was unwise (accept our silent applause).

The following is from the report of the Grand Secretary:—

“1939 again heard the clash of arms in Europe, the explosion of bombs, the shrieks of drowning men, women and children, and the moans

of the mangled and dying, and yet we think we are civilized. The tomahawk and the scalping knife are mild indeed compared with so-called civilized methods of warfare. Centuries ago, The Master of Men said, 'he that taketh the sword shall perish by the sword.'

"We do not know much about world politics but it is daily more apparent that the world politicians are pretty much of the opinion that brute force and military might are the only things that count. They will some day be disillusioned."

We read with interest the remarks of the G.Z. of Manitoba—M. Ex. Comp. Cole and heartily endorse his reference to the community of interest that exists between our American friends and the people of Canada. His comments upon the status of Canada is equally interesting to us—while as he suggests Canada is a nation separate and distinct, yet, may we suggest that we are proud indeed to be numbered among the nations comprising the British Commonwealth of Nations. Our past, our present and our future has been, is now and we trust always shall be indissolubly linked with the Motherland. Companion Cole's statement that we have recently adopted a new national flag is news to us, there has been talk of it in isolated quarters but we have heard no official announcement and in the meantime are proud and happy to claim as our national flag the grand old Union Jack—long may it float over this country as an emblem of freedom, justice and democracy.

Walter H. Murfin presented as usual a very fine topical review—containing interesting extracts and comments from the proceedings of many jurisdictions. While this is a decided change from the usual mill-run of reviews it touches the highlights and gives a brief glimpse of the activities of the Capitular World.

He quotes a paragraph from the address of our Grand Z. on the subject of "Leadership."

He gives considerable space to the action of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts in withdrawing from the General Grand Chapter of the United States. As this appears to be a private feud we refrain from comment other than to say we have no such governing body in Canada, although, perhaps it might prove helpful. We certainly feel that the strength and effectiveness of a General Grand Chapter must depend almost entirely upon the loyalty of the Constituent Grand Chapters and the withdrawal of a large influential body such as Massachusetts may have a far-reaching effect.

Wm. J. Huber was elected G.H.P. and duly installed into office by M. Ex. Comp. Murfin.

Everest B. Fowler represents the Grand Chapter of Canada in North Dakota, while J. Alfred Burnett, of Toronto, represents North Dakota near our Grand Chapter.

NOVA SCOTIA

T. Gordon Ives, Grand High Priest.

James McG. Rutherford, Grand Secretary.

The Seventy-First Annual Convocation held in Glace Bay on June 11, 1940.

M. Ex. Comp. Ives opened Grand Chapter in ample form and then received Mayor Morrison who extended a civic welcome to Glace Bay the great coal mining centre of Cape Breton.

Grand Representatives were introduced and fraternally greeted. Geo. S. Wright, our genial representative, being present to answer for our Grand Chapter.

In opening his address the G.H.P. reminded Grand Chapter that they meet in the beautiful island of Cape Breton "down where the East begins"—he also refers to the interesting fact that the three Principals all live on an island, one each on Cape Breton and Newfoundland, and the G.H.P. on the Island of Prince Edward.

We quote a few excerpts from the timely subjects covered in his splendid address:—

"We bewail the fact that Masonry has been banned from every country where the dictator's reign of tyranny in Europe holds sway, and as small countries are today being over-run, their women and children slain, their cities destroyed, we pray Almighty God that the hand of the oppressor shall be stopped. Many of us here today have sons who heard the battle cry and are in this storm tossed battle ground. They have offered their lives on this altar of sacrifice that democracy may prevail and that you and I and succeeding generations yet unborn may enjoy that freedom of speech and thought that are ours by inheritance, for which our forefathers fought and died.

"It has been a year of great history, for today the greatest battle of destruction of all times is being waged against democracy, human life and property. A glorious page of history is besmeared by actions of greed, vice, cruelty and treachery. The future lies before us, and God only knows what it holds for us and our loved ones. Masonry is concerned about life, every day life, a greater challenge to all that is best within us. Its goal is to shape us as living stones for that house not made with hands eternal in the heavens. The foundation stones—strong and secure, of true character and wide vision. We need today as never before under present world conditions, the qualities of Wisdom, Fortitude, Temperance and Justice. Wisdom is that which will enable us to make right judgment in all things. Fortitude is that which will give us the courage and strength to give effect to our judgment. Temperance

denotes that power of self-control by which men can rise superior to his lower nature and whatever is contrary to his principles. Justice is the quality without which a man cannot really share in any matter of life with his fellowmen, for it is the faculty of recognizing the rights of others and to deal fairly by and with them. May we have faith in the Great I AM—not only faith, but works: for we must all work and pray as never before for the ultimate victory that must be ours, who uphold the teachings or Right not Might.”

The G.H.P. recommends that the National Anthem be sung at the closing of all Chapters and that the following prayer be included in the opening ceremonies:—

“Fear God and keep His commandments for this is the whole duty of man. Not by Might, nor by Power, but my Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts. In the beginning God is and ever shall be, world without end. God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that peace may reign among men of good will.”

He suggests that a rededication service be held in the constituent Chapters and has this to say:—

“We need to look our opportunity in the face: we need to resolve that, God helping us, we are going out of this meeting this morning, not tomorrow, but this very morning, determined that we, each one of us, shall translate and interpret this Freemasonry of ours in terms of every day living and help maintain this democracy of ours of which we are so justly proud.”

Under the caption “Special Recognition” he pays a glowing tribute to Jas. McG. Rutherford, the Grand Secretary, and the other officers of Grand Chapter, closing his address by quoting:—

“Lord God of Hosts, Whose mighty hand
Dominion hold on sea and land,
In Peace and War Thy Will we see
Shaping the larger liberty.
Nations may rise and nations fall,
Thy Changeless Purpose rules them all.

“For those who minister and heal,
And spend themselves, their skill, their zeal,
Renew their hearts with Christ-like faith
And guard them from disease and death,
And in Thine own good time, Lord send
Thine Peace on earth till Time shall end.”

A very fine report on the Condition of the Order written by R. V. Harris concludes with these words:—

“We are all living in these anxious days under a strain that seems to discourage enthusiasm for many of our undertakings. Until the skies

clear, this anxiety will undoubtedly affect Masonic activity. "Rough and rugged has been our road, long and toilsome has been the march, but sustained by a firm faith and trust in the great I AM," we will arrive at our journey's end and rebuild the house of the Lord."

It was resolved that Grand Chapter meet at the same place and on the day previous to the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. If we may be permitted to express an opinion we should say that this is a splendid idea and one which we Masons in Ontario should emulate.

Grand Chapter decided to suspend the printing of a fraternal review owing to present financial conditions. We are indeed sorry to learn that we are not to again hear from Comp. Macdougall whose reviews in the past have been very interesting and instructive. However, we trust the ban may soon be lifted and printed reviews again become a part of Nova Scotia Proceedings.

M. Ex. Comp. Ives was re-elected G.H.P. as was also Nova Scotia's very efficient Secretary, R. Ex. Comp. Rutherford.

Nova Scotia is ably represented near our Grand Chapter by Col. A. H. Monteith of Paris, Ontario.

OHIO

John B. Harsham, Grand High Priest.

M. C. Hambright, Grand Secretary.

The One Hundred and Twenty-Third Annual Convocation was held in Dayton on October 4-5, 1939.

The colours having been posted by members of the Knights Templar, Sixteen Past Grand High Priests entered and Grand Chapter was opened in ample form. The Invocation by the Grand Chaplain was beautifully worded—we quote a line or two:—

"In this day of mental, moral, and spiritual confusion and disorder we bring to thee, on arms of prayerful faith, our great Masonic enterprise, our treasured Capitular Edifice. Keep up good men. Ordain that we shall forever be men of truth, and men of God. Amen."

Representatives of Knights Templar, Grand Council and the Grand Lodge of Ohio were cordially received. From sister Jurisdictions we find a host of distinguished craftsmen hailing from various parts of the United States—they also were welcomed with that warmth that has made the term "hospitality and Ohio" synonymous.

Judge Lester L. Cecil, on behalf of the Royal Arch Masons of Dayton, tendered Grand Chapter a whole-hearted

welcome, from his remarks we quote the following which is of particular interest to Canadians:—

"Again I am reminded of another Dictator who, by decrees, provided that Masons, under certain circumstances, were guilty of crimes, and made that retroactive. Such a thing could not happen in a democratic country.

"Contrast that with the situation in England, where I heard one of our prominent members of this State, Harry S. Kissell, of Springfield, relate the story of the King of England presiding at the installation of his brother as Grand Master of United Grand Lodge of England.

"Where there is Masonry there Democracy will be also: where Democracy reigns, there our Craft can work undisturbed."

The annual address of the G.H.P. is splendidly compiled, dealing with all the essentials and containing some excellent advice. He states that many young men are showing interest and that this is a result of Royal Arch Masonry renewing its challenge to the younger generation.

The following is a brief excerpt from his general remarks:—

"We have met for no idle purpose, for have we not come that around our sacred altar we may learn better to serve our fellowmen and the Creator of all, to review the past in the hope we may learn from it the better to plan for the progress of our Rite in making us better men and Masons, and by the Giver of every good and perfect gift."

He offers many worthwhile suggestions that if put into practice should undoubtedly be productive of much good. We quote one or two which merit our applause:—

"Promote acquaintance and a spirit of friendliness in your Chapter.

"Make your Chapter the liveliest, most active Masonic body in your locality. Prepare a program of work and educational meetings and entertainment to that end."

"Be proud of and talk the Chapter. Set the example, and it will extend to the companions. Then success is assured."

We are happy to quote a few lines from the G.H.P.'s concluding words:—

"The world is torn and distraught. Men are confused. Liberties are being crushed. False gods are being set up. Selfishness and greed are destroying democratic institutions. Repercussions from the false doctrines of the Old World are filtering in with threats to our freedom and institutions, arraying class against class, creed against creed. The 'cultivated' mind is the guardian genius of democracy and, when guided and controlled by virtue, is the noblest attribute of man. It is the only dictator free men acknowledge and the only security they desire."

"May God's richest blessings rest upon and abide with all Royal Arch Masons; may we ever remember, in the words of the Psalmist, that:—

"The Lord reigneth: let the people tremble:

He sitteth between the Cherubim; let the earth be moved.

The Lord is great in Zion; and he is high above all the people.

Let them praise thy great and terrible name: for it is holy."

We heartily commend Comp. Harsham on the tone of his address which, in our opinion, cannot fail to serve a useful purpose. It is in marked contrast to many we have read that merely record the fact that if Royal Arch Masonry is to survive "something must be done," but they fail to offer anything constructive.

The Secretary's and Treasurer's report, except in the actual figures may well be from any or all American Jurisdictions. Finances appear to be on a sound basis, interest and general activity on the up-grade but still a somewhat alarming loss in membership. We suppose there is a bottom to the well and sincerely trust that we have finally reached our lowest level.

The Royal Arch Mason's Fund instituted several years ago has grown to the substantial sum of \$4,316.23. This fund is available for such charitable purposes as Grand Chapter may recommend. Grand Chapter shares with Grand Lodge and other masonic bodies the responsibilities for carrying on the wonderful work that is being done among the aged and infirm, the widows and orphans. The report of E. J. Price, Superintendent of the Ohio Masonic Home tells us that 544 men, women and children enjoy all the privileges of this splendid Home. He concludes his report with these lines:—

"Teach us to do the best we can
To try and serve our fellow man.
Teach us to lose the selfish need,
And glory in the higher deed
That paves the road and lights the way
For all who chance to come our way."

The Capitular Review is written by Carl W. Sperling, P.G.H.P., whose title has been changed this year from "Foreign" to "Fraternal" Correspondent.

In his foreword, his ninth by the way, he calls for leaders, real leaders and more leaders. This is Masonry's greatest need contends Comp. Sperling who says:—

"Give us more members with a real and heartfelt interest, more work, and more leaders and all will be well."

The review of Canada is thorough, complete with statistics, quotations from our G.Z.'s address and covers very cap-

ably our Windsor Convocation. We appreciate the full and friendly review of Canada.

The election of Officers resulted in George E. Reiff being advanced to the office of G.H.P. Comp. Hambright being again elected Secretary. Cincinatti was selected the next place of meeting.

Henry Gruen represents Canada in Ohio.

Edwin Smith, our popular G.S.E., represents Ohio in Canada.

OKLAHOMA

Newton A. Lale, Grand High Priest.

James A. Lathim, Grand Secretary.

The Fifty-First Annual Convocation held in Guthrie, on April 16-17, 1940.

Guthrie Chapter No. 6, being duly convened, M. Ex. Comp. Lale and the Grand Officers were received with appropriate honours.

The G.H.P. assumed the chair and Grand Chapter was opened in ample form—followed by the invocation delivered by the Grand Chaplain.

Leaders of the Knights Templar, the Scottish Rite, R. & S. Masters and M.W. Bro. Thomas G. Cook Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma were severally introduced and fittingly received.

Oklahoma is to be congratulated on its long line of Past Rulers—fifteen P.G.H.P.'s being present.

Grand Representatives in large numbers responded to the roll call—we are happy to note the presence of Canada's faithful representative, one of the Old Guard of Oklahoma, Comp. William Noble.

M. Ex. Comp. Lale presented a brief, business-like report. This address, shorn of the usual run of platitudes and bare of the customary embellishments inform Grand Chapter in a plain statement of fact of all his official acts, his social activities and recommendations and concludes with an expression of thanks to all who assisted during the year.

We are particularly interested in his opening and closing remarks:—

"We are citizens of this the greatest nation on the Earth and as Royal Arch Masons are enjoying a privilege not given to all the peoples of the Earth.

"Finally let us be thankful that we are citizens of the greatest nation on Earth, and that our nation is at peace with the world."

As Canadians we heartily agree with the comments with respect to the privileges our American cousins enjoy—we also rejoice with them that their country is not like ours—passing through the throes of a frightful and devastating war, yet, as citizens of a country that enjoys partnership in the commonwealth of Nations known as the British Empire—may we, too, not share a small portion of the greatness mentioned by the G.H.P., for are we not joint-guardians of that democracy which alone preserves our present form of living, our freedom, and all that is the direct antithesis of dictatorship, greed and brutality. May the day be not far distant when we, too, may say “our country is at peace with the world” and together may we sing with gladsome hearts “Peace on Earth, Good-will to Man.”

We note the plan formulated by Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Knights Templar whereby the Districts of all these bodies were made uniform and by close co-operation the District Officers sought to strengthen the position of the York Rite in the State of Oklahoma.

From the G.H.P.'s comments we take it that the idea proved successful and note that he recommends that what at first was merely an experiment be continued through the coming year. This plan is most intriguing and we shall be greatly interested to learn more of the progress made.

As a frontispiece to the Proceedings we find an illustration of the Vocational School Building of the Masonic Childrens' Home. We note with pleasure that the entire building was erected by the Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma. A truly great undertaking and, in extending our congratulations to our Companions of Oklahoma, we suggest that this Home is not only a visible evidence of Masonic Charity but should prove a satisfying answer to those “Doubting Thomases” who rant about Masonic inactivity and derive pleasure in asking the question “What is Masonry's real objective.”

Charles N. Cutler was elected G.H.P. and duly installed into office by M. Ex. Comp. Charles G. Wattson.

Oklahoma is represented near our Grand Chapter by Ed. Worth, Chatham, Ontario, an interested, active and highly regarded Craftsman.

OREGON

Arthur Molesworth, Grand High Priest.

D. Rufus Cheney, Grand Secretary.

The Eightieth Annual was held in La Grande on April 10,

1940. M. Ex. Comp. Molesworth presiding and ably supported by eight P.G.H.P.'s.

A beautiful basket of roses from Mt. Emily Post, No. 2990, Veterans of Foreign Wars, was received and suitably acknowledged.

Although twenty-nine accredited representatives of other Grand Chapters were present we regret to note the absence of Canada's representative, John G. McIntosh.

Delegations from Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Oregon, Knights Templar, and Grand Chapters of Washington and Idaho were officially received and formally greeted.

The G.H.P.'s address was a straightforward account of his year stewardship—he deals with his many visits and official acts in a manner that undoubtedly will be appreciated by his Companions. He states that a survey of the subordinate Chapters shows a healthy, progressive state, and that the numerical advancement has been most satisfactory.

After expressing his appreciation for the assistance rendered by his officers he concludes in these words:—

"To my successor I pledge my loyalty and to you my Companions I give my undying brotherly love and sincere affection."

The Grand Secretary's report, unlike the usual run, indicates that the membership for the year is turned from a loss into a net gain. Congratulations to Oregon, we fully believe that conditions are changing and that Royal Arch Masonry generally will show a distinct improvement in membership, finances and active interest.

The special committee on Revision of the Installation Ritual presented a report and also the proposed new ceremony. Both report and ritual were adopted to be effective next year.

It is interesting to note that Grand Chapter has arranged with Grand Lodge to place Life Membership Funds in a common investment fund, each of these Grand Bodies sharing gains and losses in proportion to amount each has placed in the Investment Fund. This is a novel idea and one which brings the two bodies in close contact—which is a most desirable condition in our opinion.

Lloyd L. Scott, P.G.H.P., submitted a report on his review of Capitular Proceedings of other Jurisdictions. Unlike most reviews, Comp. Scott merely touches here and there a highlight that is outstanding; he does not deal with each Grand

Chapter but gives an impressionistic sketch of the Capitular world as a whole and concludes as follows:—

“The attendance at the various Grand Chapters and Chapters seems to be about as large as ever and indicates that interest in Capitular Masonry has not diminished on account of the loss sustained over a period of years.”

John B. Easter, Grand Orator, delivered a lofty, fervent and stirring address on “The Masonic Way of Life.” We should like to reproduce this in its entirety but lack of space forbids. Every Mason should have the opportunity of reading this sparkling oration—the concluding lines of which are as follows:—

“You cannot travel the Masonic way without effort continuously applied. The sun is just rising on the morning of another day. The first day, to us here assembled, of the new year. What can I wish that this day, this year, may bring to me? Nothing that shall make the world or others poorer, nothing at the expense of other men; but just those few things which in their coming do not stop with me, but touch me rather as they pass and gather strength. A few friends who understand me, and yet remain my friends. A work to do that has real value without which the world would feel poorer. A return for such work small enough not to tax unduly anyone who pays.

“A mind unafraid to travel, even though the trail be not blazed. An understanding heart. A sight of the eternal hills and unresting sea, and something beautiful the hand of man has made. A sense of humour and the power to laugh. A little leisure with nothing to do. A few moments of quiet, silent meditation. The sense of the presence of God. And the patience to wait for the coming of these things with the wisdom to know them when they come.”

Andrew J. McCallen was elected and installed G.H.P.—next place of meeting, Portland, Oregon.

The Annual Convention of High Priesthood was held at the close of Grand Chapter.

Oregon's representative in Canada is John J. Gardiner, of Smith Falls, Ontario.

PENNSYLVANIA

Walter M. Carwithen, Grand High Priest.

Joseph E. Quinby, Grand Secretary.

Quarterly Communication held in Philadelphia, March 2, 1939.

Grand Chapter opened in ample form and received a distinguished guest in the person of John H. O'Neil, Grand Master R. and S. Masters.

The G.H.P. referred to the adoption of a declaration of principles of the Masonic Fraternity by Grand Lodge and submitted a motion, which was unanimously carried, that Grand Chapter should adopt a similar declaration.

We quote a section or two and regret that space will not permit us to record the declaration in its entirety:—

“Capitular Masonry is a charitable, benevolent, educational and religious society. Its principles are proclaimed as widely as men will hear. Its only secrets are in its methods of recognition and of symbolic instruction.

“It is charitable in that it is not organized for profit and none of its income enures to the benefit of any individual but all is devoted to the promotion of the welfare and happiness of mankind.

“It is benevolent in that it teaches and exemplifies altruism as a duty.

“It is religious in that it teaches monotheism, the Holy Bible is open upon its altars whenever a Chapter is in session, reverence for God is ever present in its ceremonial, and to its Companions are constantly addressed lessons of morality: yet it is not sectarian or theological.

“To that end, it teaches and stands for the worship of God: truth and justice: fraternity and philanthropy; enlightenment and orderly liberty, civil, religious and intellectual.

“It further affirms its conviction that it is not only contrary to the fundamental principles of Capitular Masonry, but dangerous to its unity, strength, usefulness and welfare, for Masonic Bodies to take action for or against any legislation or in any way to attempt to promote the election or appointment of governmental officials, or to influence them, whether or not members of the Fraternity, in the performance of their official duties.”

We strongly endorse these principles and believe they should be adopted by Royal Arch Masonry in general and copies should be furnished to every constituent Chapter.

Reference was made to the lamented death of many outstanding Craftsmen—among the names so honoured we find that of our late Companion K. J. Dunstan, whose death was a severe loss to Canadian Masonry.

Quarterly held June 8, 1939, disposed of routine business, received representatives of other Jurisdictions and closed in peace.

Quarterly held September 7, 1939, Report of Finance Committee was received and considered. Albert T. Hanby delivered a most eloquent memorial to the memory of Irwin Brandeis, P.G.H.P., whose death occurred on July 8, 1939—commencing with this poetic gem:—

“As we travel along life’s highway
And we near life’s journey end:
Milestones into gravestones turn,
’Neath everyone a friend.”

He paid tribute to the sterling worth of the deceased and closed with these words:—

“Memory enfolds him ineradicably within its fond embrace: though bodily he has slipped away from us, yet he himself is ever more present and precious still. It might be truly said of him in a bit of verse:—

“While Summer days are long and lonely
 And Autumn sunshine seems to weep:
 While midnight hours are bleak and lonely
 And only the stars and clouds their vigils keep:
 All gentle things that live shall mourn thee,
 And fond regrets forever wake:
 For earth is happier having known thee
 And Heaven is sweeter for thy sake.”

Quarterly held December 7, 1939. After the opening ceremonies a host of prominent visitors were received and welcomed. These represented many sister Jurisdictions. The General Grand Chapter, the Grand Council and Grand Commandery. We are pleased to note among these received was our own Grand Z., M. Ex. Comp. Stephens.

The Annual Communication was held on December 27, 1939—the G.H.P. delivered a brief but particularly pleasing report. His decisions, dispensations and visitations were all recorded, reverently he deals with the fraternal dead, concluding this section with these lines:—

“Life’s battles fought: life’s duties done:
 Their faults forgot, their worth confessed
 So let them sleep that dreamless sleep
 Our sorrows, clustering round their heads,
 Be comforted, yet loved who weep
 They live with God, they are not dead.”

The Grand High Priest quotes a recorded message sent to the Supreme Grand Chapter of New South Wales. A modern exemplification of “hands across the sea”—the message is couched in terms of fraternal love and friendship.

We quote a portion:—

“The horrors of doubt and fear are casting their shadows upon the face of the earth at this time, and it seems as though justice and right were doomed to destruction, but sooner or later the great truths taught in our Fraternity will triumph over this spirit of destruction, and we shall again enjoy peace and good-will throughout the world.

“The majestic principles upon which Capitular Masonry is built are but the foundation upon which the super-structure is erected, therefore, let us answer the challenge that we be faithful to our trust, and constantly seek for more light and knowledge of the truth that leads us on the way to God.

"We live in deeds, not years: in thoughts—not breaths:
 In feelings, not figures on the dial,
 We should count time by Heart throbs
 He most lives, who thinks most, feels the nobles, who
 the best.

The address of M. Ex. Comp. Carwithen concludes with these words:—

"But let us not be unmindful that this Grand Chapter will prosper only as we put our Trust in the Grand Architect of the Universe, and in our feeble way endeavour to follow his teachings in up-lifting our fellow man.

Life is a story in volumes three
 The Past, the Present, the Yet-to-be:
 The First—we've written and laid away,
 The Second—we're reading day by day,
 The Third—the last of volume three
 Is locked from sight—God keepeth the Key."

The report on Fraternal Correspondence is jointly written by a committee of five, each of these Companions reviewing a group of Grand Chapters. Canada is reviewed by John M. Core, P.G.H.P., and is generously given much space. As usual the meeting under review is fully covered. Respectful reference is made to the death of M. Ex. Comp. K. J. Dunstan, for many years the representative of Pennsylvania near our Grand Chapter. Mention of the appointment of M. Ex. Comp. Stephens to fill the vacancy also appears and a friendly jibe at an error in our proceedings which refers to Comp. Stephens representing Philadelphia instead of Pennsylvania causes us to turn to our last review where we find to our satisfaction that we at least reported this appointment correctly. After all, to we Canadians the beautiful City of Philadelphia really represents the State of Pennsylvania—we are all familiar with Philadelphia but through a defect in Education most of us know little of the Keystone State. Our loss, of course, we ask pardon for our insular ignorance.

We must express our personal pleasure in the wonderful tribute which Comp. Core pays to that Grand Old Man of Masonry, our late reviewer, Col. W. N. Ponton—we appreciate his friendly comments and heartily reciprocate the sentiment contained in the closing line of his review:—

"The Companions of Pennsylvania just can't help loving you all."

In acknowledgement of these words we, in Canada, express the firm conviction that as long as the golden threads of brotherly love and companionship continues to be woven into

the fabric of Masonry, so long will our fraternity and so long and no longer will it lay low the barriers which form the line of demarkation between one country and another, indissolubly binding us together in one great Brotherhood—the outstanding characteristics of which always must be—Peace, Love and Harmony.

Congratulations Pennsylvania, your reviews are most inspiring.

Samuel Shaw is Canada's faithful representative in Pennsylvania, while L. F. Stephens, K.C., of Hamilton, Ontario, has the honour of representing Pennsylvania near our Grand Chapter.

QUEBEC

W. R. Eakin, Grand First Principal.

W. W. Williamson, Grand Scribe E.

The Sixty-Third Annual Convocation was held in Montreal on March 27, 1940.

Grand Chapter having been opened in ample form M. Ex. Comp. Eakin delivered a thoughtful address in which he dealt with timely subjects and generally reviewed the year's work. From his opening remarks we take the following as of general interest:—

"Today we are saddened by the realization that our country and our Empire, notwithstanding the prayers by millions that a Higher Power might intervene to prevent universal catastrophe, has again been plunged into the horror of war in defense of our liberties and our civilization.

"We, as Capitular Masons, must continue to trust that the Great Architect may soon give victory to the forces of our Empire and our Allies and wisdom and strength to our Leaders in their fight against the brutal domination and aims of dictators and aggressors, and that ere long peace and prosperity may once more prevail on this fair earth."

Owing to the uncertainties and conditions brought about by the war, the Grand Z. advised that formal invitations to other jurisdictions were omitted this year, he further expressed the hope that those beyond the jurisdiction will understand and accept the heartfelt feeling of goodwill and companionship of their friends in the Province of Quebec.

Reference is made to the lamented death of M. Ex. Comp. E. A. Evans, who, though G.Z. in 1909, continued active association with Grand Chapter to the time of his death. We who have been privileged to know this Grand Old Man of Masonry share with our Companions of Quebec sorrow and regret in the passing of one who for so many years has been

a familiar figure in both the Grand Chapter and Grand Lodge of Quebec.

Another veteran passed within the veil in the death of M. Ex. Comp. J. Bruce Payne who occupied the chair of G.Z. in 1903 and whose interest has never lagged during the many years that have passed since he served as an active officer of Grand Chapter. His advice and counsel will be sadly missed.

M. Ex. Comp. Eakin referred to a visit to England, where he witnessed the installation of the Duke of Kent as Grand Master—we quote the following which is of decided interest to every Canadian Mason:—

“We witnessed the fact of the King exchanging the Sceptre for the Gavel and joining in our assembly; and I should like to say that His Majesty proved himself to be a well-skilled Mason and carried out the ceremonies of Installation of his Royal Brother with quiet dignity and with such precision and skill as, I am bound to state, I have never seen equalled on this side of the Atlantic in any similar ceremony in any Grand Jurisdiction. I shall ever remember the many impressions which I received and perhaps the outstanding one was the realization of what a grand privilege it is to be a Freemason. This notable gathering where all classes of society from the King himself to the humblest Mason met in the fraternal bond of Brotherhood might very well be a proof to those who frown on our Institution, that Masonry, as we know it, stands for freedom and liberty and the fundamental principles on which our Institution is established.”

The Grand Z. concludes a highly interesting address in these words:—

“Our motto must be Carry On”—trusting that God will defend the right and looking forward to that day when Masonic ideals shall guide the world and contentment and prosperity shall attend our Chapters and members.”

The reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Scribe E. indicate that the affairs of Royal Arch Masonry in Quebec are in capable hands and that satisfactory progress is being made.

A special Committee considered the affairs of Grand Chapter and brought in a report in which they drew attention to the large amount outstanding in dues and recommended that the five Districts of the Jurisdiction be re-surveyed and reduced to three.

M. Ex. Comp. L. F. Stephens, K.C., of the Grand Chapter of Canada, was officially welcomed at the evening session.

Grand Representatives were also introduced and asked by the G.Z. to convey to their respective Grand Bodies the fraternal and most cordial good wishes of the Grand Chapter of Quebec.

The election of officers resulted in Arthur W. Pratt being advanced to the chair of G.Z. and we note with personal pleasure that our well beloved friend and Companion W. W. Williamson continues the exacting duties of Grand Scribe E.

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence is written by that experienced Reviewer M. Ex. Comp. W. J. Edwards and as usual is not only extremely well written but is illuminative and instructive.

From his foreword this:—

“Once more the tragedy of war is upon us with all its terrible consequences, and once more the activities of the Craft throughout our Empire will be affected thereby. When it will end we know not, but, as C. A. Snodgrass writes in his poem “Peace on Earth, Good Will toward Men”:—

“Of course, we’ll never banish wars
Till we subdue the tyrant’s might,
But every soul beneath the stars
Can help to carry on the fight
To make this world a better place,
To end forever war’s disgrace:
For friendly folks, like you and me,
Or even those across the sea,
Will never feel like fighting when
We really have ‘Good Will Toward Men.’

“So let us pray that, some sweet day,
The world will learn the better way,
And we can all rejoice again
In ‘Peace On Earth, Good Will Toward Men.’”

Three pages are devoted to our Grand Chapter which is thoroughly reviewed, while feeling reference is made to the death of the late Col. W. N. Ponton, K.C.

We quote the words of Comp. Edwards:—

“He was Dean of Reviewers whose work for years has been an inspiration to countless Companions. None could quote such poetic gems or imitate his style.”

We express our sincere appreciation of these kindly words and agree that Col. Ponton’s death leaves a vacant chair that we shall have great difficulty in filling.

Our Grand Chapter is well represented by M. Ex. Comp. Duncan McLellan, whose absence at this meeting was occasioned by a protracted illness. We sincerely trust that he has since regained his usual good health and vigour.

The writer of this Review has the honour to represent Quebec.

QUEENSLAND

R. N. F. Quinn, First Grand Principal.

S. W. Coulter, Grand Scribe E.

Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter and Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons.

The Proceedings are prefaced by the now familiar portrait of M. Ex. Comp. Quinn together with a summary of his Masonic career.

Regular Convocation held in Brisbane, April 5, 1939, was opened in ample form and with solemn prayer. M. Ex. Comp. Quinn in the chair.

Canada being duly represented by the ever faithful J. Shirra, Sr.

The correspondence tabled at this meeting indicates that the difficulties existing between the Supreme Grand Chapter and Grand Mark Lodge are still unsettled. We sincerely trust that an amicable adjustment may soon eliminate this rift in the clouds of Queensland Masonry.

It is interesting to note that the Benevolent Fund is chiefly supported by fees for dispensations, donations and an annual contribution of one shilling per member. Grants for Benevolence shall not in any one year exceed the income for that year. Thus providing protection for the principal sum of the Fund which at this time is approximately \$34,000.00. Our Queensland Companions should be commended for the splendid system that they have developed and for the very fine work they are doing in the distribution of benevolence.

Dual membership was a matter that was discussed to some length. Apparently the constitution permits a dual membership but it does not permit a Companion to hold office in more than one Chapter at the same time.

Convocation held on October 4, 1939, M. Ex. Comp. Quinn presiding.

Past rank was conferred on a number of Companions as an acknowledgement of the services they had rendered to Royal Arch Masonry.

To ensure uniformity in presenting the toast to His Majesty the King, Grand Chapter adopted a motion to make it obligatory that this loyal toast shall always be presented in these words: "The King and the Order."

The Grand Treasurer in presenting his report says:—

"Now that the ghastly spectre of war may arrest our progress in financial matters, the loyalty, altruism and efficiency of every member

will be necessary to keep intact those essentials of the ideals of our fraternity and to avoid any lessening of the spirit of Brotherhood."

M. Ex. Comp. Quinn was re-elected First Grand Principal and we congratulate the Supreme Grand Chapter on retaining in office, one whose interest and activities embrace all Branches of Masonry.

John Boyd, of Toronto, a Masonic veteran represents Queensland near the Grand Chapter of Canada.

SASKATCHEWAN

W. K. Laing, Grand Z.

F. B. Reilly, Grand Scribe E.

The Sixteenth Annual Convocation held in Regina May 23rd, 1939.

Grand Chapter opened by M. Ex. Comp. Laing in ample form.

The Grand Z. of Manitoba was introduced followed by a delegation from North Dakota headed by the G.H.P.

After the singing of "God Save the King" the Companions sang "My Country 'Tis of Thee" as a tribute to the American visitors.

A representative of the Knights Templar and the presentation of Past Grand First Principals completed the opening ceremonies.

Later M. Wor. Bro. S. C. Burton, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was fittingly honoured.

Among the Grand Representatives answering the roll call we failed to note the presence of M. Ex. Comp. Gorrell who represents our Grand Chapter. The writer has more than a passing interest in M. Ex. Comp. Dr. Gorrell, having served under him as Grand Superintendent during his tenure of office as the G.Z. of our Grand Chapter.

We are very glad to note that the splendid services rendered by the G.S.E. have been recognized and rewarded by conferring upon him the rank of P.G.Z., accept our congratulations Comp. Reilly.

As a frontispiece to the proceedings we find a most interesting illustration of His Majesty King George and Queen Elizabeth at the R.C.M.P. Chapel in Regina. On the opposite page is a quotation from the King's Empire Day message—a line or two of which we are proud to quote—

"It is true—and I deplore it deeply—that the skies are overcast in more than one quarter at the present time. Do not on that account lose

heart. Life is a great adventure, and everyone of you can be a pioneer, blazing by thought and service a trail to better things. Hold fast to all that is just and of good report in the heritage which your fathers have left to you. Remember, too, that the key to all true progress lies in faith, hope and love. May God give you their support, and may God help them to prevail."

A portrait of M. Ex. Comp. Laing and a biographical sketch embellish the proceedings and from the latter we learn that he sings in the choir of the United Church, teaches a boys class in Sunday school, is a good mixer and an interesting conversationalist—all of which convinces us that he is a man worth knowing. His annual address, although brief, covers his many activities during the past year and concludes with an expression of appreciation to Grand Chapter for the confidence reposed in him. Grand Chapter spread upon its minutes an affirmation of Loyalty to the King in the following words:—

"We affirm our allegiance, loyalty and devotion to the Crown and Person of our Liege Lord and King. May he and his Gracious Consort long be spared to rule and reign over us in health and happiness and may the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe rest upon them and upon the members of the Royal Houshold.

"God Save the King!"

No printed Reviews of other Jurisdictions appear in the proceedings although the Committee presented a short report in which they state in a world of international misunderstanding and jealousy the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan continues in complete harmony and fraternal relationship with all other Jurisdictions of the Royal Craft.

After the election of officers M. Ex. Comp. Hooker installed S. H. Jackson as Grand Z.

Saskatchewan is represented near our Grand Chapter by R. Ex. Comp. E. W. Hitchcock of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.

Since writing this review we have learned with profound sorrow of the death of M. Ex. Comp. A. S. Gorrell. During his term of office as G.Z. of the Grand Chapter of Canada he found a very short route to our hearts and affections. We share with our Companions of Saskatchewan the great loss they have suffered in the passing of Comp. Gorrell. Our revered Companion has left Masonry and the world richer and better because he had lived, loved, toiled and served. "Requiescat in Pace."

SCOTLAND

The Marquess of Ailsa, First Grand Principal.
R. H. Moncrieff, Deputé First Grand Principal.
Geo. A. Howell, Grand Scribe E.

Annual Convocation held in Edinburgh, March 21, 1940, with M. Ex. Comp. C. C. Nisbet acting Grand Z., presiding. Grand Chapter was opened in full form.

Announcement was made of the illness of the First Grand Principal and a message of sympathy was sent to him on behalf of Grand Chapter.

Cablegrams from the District Grand Chapter in India, the District Grand Chapter of Trinidad, and from Singapore containing loyal greetings and good wishes were read amid applause.

The reports of the Grand Superintendents are all very interesting and particularly those from far distant points.

We quote a few excerpts from these reports. From Province of Angus and Mearns:—

“It is my special desire that we should personally convey to them the message of Supreme Chapter that, notwithstanding the troublous times through which the world is passing, each Daughter Chapter should carry on and keep together, and work all the more strenuously in the cause of Royal Arch Freemasonry until more peaceful days return. I am assured from my own personal observation that their spirit of enthusiasm is in no way dimmed, even where, as has happened in certain cases, Chapters have been compelled to vacate their usual meeting places, and work elsewhere under conditions which are not only inconvenient, but uncomfortable.”

From Province of Ayrshire:—

“The number of Exaltations during the year was 96 and 3 Affiliations, an increase over last year. During the past year most of the Chapters have shown decided progress, and while a few have not done so well, on the whole the improvement of the past few years has been maintained.”

From Natal:—

“There is no great activity in any direction in Natal at present, but we go forward steadily, as reflected in Grand Chapter returns, satisfying a deep Masonic need, by the thoughtful interest in the ceremonial, the fraternal regard of the Companions, and the esteem of Sister Constitutions.”

From New Zealand:—

“I also find among all our Companions unfailing loyalty to our King and Empire. One does not know what effect the present war will have on our Order in New Zealand, but I have circularized all the Chapters

under my jurisdiction requesting them to continue with their Masonic duties in so far as this does not interfere with their duties to the Empire."

From Central South Africa:—

"The journey took over ten hours—four hours being spent by the side of a flooded river in company with thirteen stranded cars. After a long wait, and although the flood had subsided, our efforts to cross a bridge still under water had to be aided by a span of Africander oxen. To cross another part we had to resort to man-power—our own and that of other friendly motorists, and we also had the help of the Companions from Zion Chapter, who had organized a relief motor with crane to extricate us from the flooded waters."

From Transvaal:—

"Considerably delayed by great pressure of mundane and Masonic work, and last, but not least, affected by the general commotion brought about by the outbreak of war and all the prospects of much dislocation of our Masonic activities, I have nevertheless great pleasure and satisfaction to report on the year just terminated as one which, if not having manifested exceptional progress, has yet evidenced steady maintenance and solid security in all the Chapters."

The Metropolitan Visitation Committee report that since the outbreak of war and the "black-out" many meetings were cancelled. Despite these trying conditions the work of the various Chapters was being carried on in a very satisfactory manner.

M. Ex. Comp. R. H. F. Moncreiff having been nominated as Deputé First Grand Principal by the Marquess of Alsa—he was duly installed into office.

There being no further business, the Hymn of National Prayer, "Lord while for all Mankind we pray" was sung and Supreme Grand Chapter closed in ample form.

Owing to war conditions prevailing the time-honoured banquet in celebration of the Festival of the Vernal Equinox was omitted from the usual Proceedings, instead, the Companions enjoyed an informal tea, presided over by Brig-General Sir Standish Crawford, Bart. There were no set speeches as has been customary in the past.

The Frontispiece of the Proceedings was, as last year, a portrait of the Marquess of Ailsa—a splendid illustration in military uniform.

Sir John C. Watson, M.B.E., K.C., is Canada's distinguished representative in Scotland, while Scotland is represented in Canada by another outstanding member of the Legal profession, W. H. Wardrope, K.C., of Hamilton, Ontario.

SOUTH DAKOTA

William H. Taylor, Grand High Priest.

Wilbert D. Swain, Grand Secretary.

The Fifty-First Convocation held in Huron on April 30th, 1940.

Having opened Grand Chapter the G.H.P. admitted the distinguished guests, among whom we note Charles C. Smith, Grand Master of Grand Lodge of South Dakota, A. D. McCormick, G.H.P. of Minnesota and Deputy G.H.P. Magee of Nebraska. We are always pleased to record the presence of the Grand Master as it is an evidence of that link which binds together the two great bodies of ancient Freemasonry.

Seven Past G.H.P.'s and nineteen Grand Representatives answered the Roll Call.

In his opening remarks the G.H.P. paid homage to the fraternal dead—concluding with this poetic thought:—

“Beyond the blue to the land of light
They have wandered away, just out of sight;
And so released by pain and care,
They are waiting for us to join them there.”

The balance of his address deals with his many visitations, decisions and recommendations, concluding with a glowing tribute to the officers of Grand Chapter who have given him wonderful support during his term of office.

The Grand Treasurer's report indicates that the fiscal affairs of Grand Chapter are in an exceedingly healthy state. A small loss in membership is noted.

The Committee on Necrology presented an eloquent tribute to those who have passed beyond the “Veils.”

The report ends with the following:—

“They have builded sure and steadfast the foundations of Masonry within our midst, may we sense the grave responsibility which is ours in carrying on. May we prove the trust they have reposed in us. May the spirit of the faithful find its reward in the mansions of the living dead.

“So I looked up to God,
And while I held my breath
I saw him slowly nod,
And knew—as I had never known aught else
With certainty sublime and passionate,
Shot through and through
With sheer unutterable bliss
I knew
That there was no death but this,
God's kiss,
And then the waking of an Everlasting Love.”

Clarence E. Buehler was elected and installed G.H.P.

No report on Fraternal Correspondence appears in the Proceedings.

At the close of Grand Chapter the annual meeting of the Order of High Priesthood was convened.

South Dakota is well represented in Canada by Wm. Downing, an active and well skilled craftsman.

L. W. Simmons represents our Grand Chapter in South Dakota.

TENNESSEE

W. Harry Dudley, Grand High Priest.

T. E. Doss, Grand Secretary.

The One Hundred and Eleventh Annual was held in Nashville on January 29, 1940.

Grand Chapter opened with M. Ex. Comp. Dudley presiding, eleven P.G.H.P.'s being in attendance. The opening exercises concluded with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Distinguished guests were then introduced and received with Grand Honours. Among these we note the names of M. Ex. Comp. John H. Anderson, General Grand High Priest and M. Wor. Bro. Lindsay B. Phillips, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee.

From the Grand High Priest's address the following is of interest:—

"During the year just closed sunshine and shadow have crossed the path of us all. Some have enjoyed prosperity and plenty, while upon others the hand of misfortune has fallen: Thus it has been and will ever be to the end of time. While we are engaged in the peaceful pursuits without the hampering and distressing restrictions of war, men in a large portion of the world are at each others' throats. The infinite goodness and wisdom of God has dealt with us not according to our merits but in great kindness, compassionate and tender mercy. Let us with thankful, grateful hearts pay the homage we owe to Him for the innumerable blessings received from His bountiful hands during the year."

The Grand High Priest gives a brief summary of his official acts during the year. Among his comments on appointments, visitations and decisions we note one item that is somewhat at variance to the mill-run of such reports. He states that instead of a decrease in membership, that Grand Chapter for the first time since 1927 records an increase (congratulations).

The Banner annually competed for by subordinate Chapters was won for the second consecutive year by Lynn Bach-

man Chapter. This banner is given to the Chapter showing the largest net increase in membership for the year. This appeals to us as a splendid idea.

M. Ex. Comp. J. J. Walker presented his ninth annual Review the foreword of which is particularly apt and we quote the following:—

"The future of Capitular Masonry is viewed with more optimism by Masonic writers and speakers than in former years. Good ritualists are plentiful; however, the real teachings of Masonry are uppermost in the minds of our leaders, with the result that today we are discovering that with all the beauties of Masonry, brotherly love is the brightest and best.

"Yes, we are discovering anew that the principles of Masonry are purer than the crystal waters that flow from the glaciers of the Alps; that her monuments are more enduring than brass and marble; more imperishable than the pyramids of Egypt, for her monuments are human hearts. No blare of trumpets or flaunting of banners heralded her coming, but gently, silently, like the dew of Herman, she came to take her place in God's Moral Kingdom to raise Man from the dead level, where sin had laid him low, to a living, upright, noble manhood."

Canada is accorded nearly two pages in the Review which deals with our Windsor meeting in 1939. The Grand Z.'s address received attention and is quoted generously. We read with pleasure and regret Comp. Walker's comments with reference to M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton—it is with a heavy heart that we inform Comp. Walker that Col. Ponton succumbed to a serious illness in September 1939—a sad loss to all who were privileged to know him. He leaves a vacancy in our Grand Chapter that we shall find difficult to fill. A cultured gentleman, an expert craftsman, and a prominent citizen. Thanks Comp. Walker for your kind remarks.

From Connecticut he gives us:—

"Deep and sincere are the truths revealed in Masonry. Beauty and sublimity are their characteristics. In the Capitular Rite the initiate learns the importance of striving for that perfection which meets the approval of the Grand Overseer, and he comes face to face with the Reality of the Supreme Existence—the same yesterday, today, and forever."

The following significant statement is from Indiana:—

"Within our borders there are property holdings—halls and parks—in which great un-American groups of people meet. They meet and pay homage to other flags than the Stars and Stripes. These groups are practicing a military salute that is not the American salute. They are drilling in great squads under purely military leaders and the march they do is the perfect goose step of the German Reich—and the flag which decorates their halls and which they salute is the swastika. What is said of this group, I understand, is also true of the Italian group and

the Russian group. Many college dormitories, college halls, and even formal classes in the advanced institutions of learning are seething hot beds of the red propaganda of communism."

Hugh O. Edwards was elected G.H.P. and was duly installed into office by M. Ex. Comp. Hudson.

H. W. Goodloe represents Canada in Tennessee, while A. P. Freed, of Port Arthur, Ont., fills a similar role in Canada for Tennessee.

TEXAS

Joe W. Pender, Grand High Priest.

R. Hambrook, Grand Secretary.

The Nintieth Annual Convocation held in City of Waco, December 4, 1939. M. Ex. Comp. Pender presiding.

The roll call of Grand Representatives was called and forty-four Jurisdictions were represented. Comp. Wm. M. Huff doing the honours for Canada.

Sixteen P.G.H.P.'s were present.

Among the many guests we note the presence of M.W. Bro. L. Lockwood, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas.

As an introductory to a very thoughtfully prepared report the G.H.P. uses these words:—

"We cannot stay the flight of years
Nor bind the restless river
That bears us on, mid hopes and fears,
Forever and forever.

After enumerating his many visits and giving a very complete report on the years activity the G.H.P. refers to the Masonic Home for the aged. We quote a line or two:—

"The graciousness and sympathy with which the affairs of the Home are administered by Dr. and Mrs. Woodward are worthy of emulation. In addition to the executive ability manifested, their every act indicates that their 'hands are guided by justice and their hearts are expanded by benevolence.' The Grand Royal Chapter is rendering a distinct service to these old and practically helpless people, many of whom have borne the 'burden and the heat of the day,' the good result of which will bear fruition until time shall merge into eternity."

The Royal Craft in Texas have every right to be proud of the wonderful work they are doing and we in far off Canada tender our congratulations and applause.

Among the G.H.P.'s appointments we note the name of R. Ex. Comp. W. E. Gowling, of Ottawa, Ontario, who has

been selected to represent Texas in Canada. We commend this appointment and assure our Texas friends that no more worthy selection could have been made.

Under the caption of "Failure" M. Ex. Comp. Pender remarks:—

"Even though one may do his best, failure to accomplish all that he hopes is to be expected. This has been true during the caputular year."

We refer to this merely to express the opinion that the G.H.P.'s address indicated that he has been most active and efficient and anything in the nature of a failure must be attributed to lack of time rather than any weakness in administration.

The concluding observations of Comp. Pender fairly sparkle with really worth-while thoughts. Would that we could quote them all. How direly we need G.H.P.'s who have the ability to transcribe such lofty ideals and potent homilies for the benefit of all who are privileged to read them.

Here are a few choice lines selected at random:—

"I desire to emphasize with all the force at my command the enviable position that Masonry occupies because of its exclusiveness. There is and should be no solicitation for members. Masonry stands unique in this respect. Masons are and should be a selected group. Its position in the world and in the affairs of men is too secure to even contemplate a time when it shall cease its operations. As long as we retain this time-honoured principle of exclusiveness, we may expect that only the best of men will knock at our doors.

"I like to think of Masonry as an institution, promulgating the highest principles, emphasizing the noblest character, and active in rendering the greatest service of humanity in the qualities of its membership and in philanthropic enterprises. If we obtain this conception of Masonry, it will be easy and natural to forego the ridiculous and frivolous and to emphasize the real significance of Masonry and its proper place in the advancement of genuine and uplifting civilization.

"May I call attention to the unity of Masonry. Of all institutions, it is the one which in my humble opinion binds men closest together. Even churches have zealous devotees, who so often give precedence to doctrine and forget the spirit. The creeds of sects, denominations and churches are too often emphasized. I rejoice that this is not true of Masonry. Neither race, nor colour, nor clime are barriers to the unity of Masons. Men of every country, sect, and opinion are one in the bosom of the Masonic fraternity

"We are taught that the very end of our institution is "brotherly love, relief, and truth." The greatest single truth that the world can ever receive is the knowledge of and belief in God, that Divinity who was, is, and shall be. He is the Eternal One. He is the great 'I am that I am I am.' This is the one principle upon which the Christian church agrees and hence Masonry, particularly York Rite Masonry, in its steadfast adherence to this principle, is the hand-maiden of the Church. God is the Eternal Word that makes 'darkness light,' 'crooked things straight,' life to the desolate and dying, and happiness to the believing soul."

and finally this eloquent and yet extremely modest valedictory:—

“I have done. My life as Grand High Priest has been written. The book has been closed. You placed upon my brow the crown of honour, you placed in my hand the scepter of authority, you permitted my feet to tread the paths of the worthy Grand High Priests of former years, and you filled my heart to overflowing with gratitude that you deemed me worthy. All these I surrender with the consciousness of having done my best, of having endeavoured to meet and fulfil every obligation; and with the earnest desire that the lives of those companions with whom I have had the pleasure to associate and the hearts of hundreds of Masons in Texas shall be richer, brighter, and fuller because of the labours undertaken.”

From the report of the Committee on the G.H.P.’s address we are forced to take sufficient space to quote the following tribute to M. Ex. Comp. Pender—to all of which this reviewer fervently says, “Amen”:—

“The Gold threads of his service are woven into the Capitular fabric, and unborn generations will benefit from the benign influence of his work. We hope for him many more years in the service he loves so well and which he has so much adorned. The Capitular world will be enriched by his having had a part in it, and our Grand Chapter will be honoured by having been the vehicle for his efforts.”

Perhaps one of the most entertaining addresses that we have been privileged to read is that of P.G.H.P. Brown. Full of humour, serious in parts, a wonderful dissertation on Masonry from which space permits but one brief excerpt—yet these few lines will convey the reason for our enthusiasm:—

“We need to realize that, as we say in the Master Mason’s Degree that the Word is lost, in the Royal Arch Degree, the Word is found. But, alas! there are many, many Royal Arch Masons who have never found it. They can give you the Ritual, and recite it letter perfect; they can give you the signs and words forward and backward. But all this means not a thing to them.

“A primrose on the river’s brim,
A simple primrose was to him,
And it was nothing more.”

The Capitular Review is from the easy flowing pen of S. J. Helm. In his beautifully written Foreword he suggests that if a reviewer could shut out the world entirely—review all the proceedings of the Capitular domain—he would be spending his time reading the thoughts of men with minds and souls above the ordinary. He would learn of the contribution Masonry is making among the poor and needy—that

the Royal Craft symbolizes the power of the ever-present Omnipotent God — and that men are ready to assist each other as brethren and Companions and then he comes back to the world as it is—but let us give you Comp. Helm's own words:—

“Step back into the world and he finds nations at each others' throats, the strong trampling upon the weak without pity or mercy in total disregard of plighted word or sacred treaty, men denied the right to worship and their God declared a myth, the home the property of the State and all its purity and tender memories gone, integrity a thing of the past, human rights obliterated, the spirits of Attila and Genghis Khan possessing men as in the Middle Ages, honour, peace and love forgotten and despised, crime rampant, young men turned criminal, young women worse than dead, thousands preferring alms to wages . . . Aren't you glad you are a Companion?”

Canada enjoys three pages in the Review, our meeting in Windsor is carefully covered, lengthy extracts from our G.Z.'s address are given prominence, reference made to the loss we sustained in the deaths of M. Ex. Comp.'s Haentschel, Dunstan and our late reviewer Col. W. N. Ponton. In commenting upon the passing of Col. Ponton, Comp. Helm pays well deserved tribute to a sterling character, a scholarly gentleman, and one of Masonry's most cultured sons.

May we say to Companion Helm that we have thoroughly enjoyed the proceedings of Texas—from cover to cover it commands our interest, and the Capitular Review is surely one of the finest we have read during thirty years of activity in the craft.

The election of officers resulted in J. P. Lightfoot being elevated to the office of Grand High Priest. The next place of meeting being the City of Waco.

UTAH

T. N. Larsen, Grand High Priest.

Bert Atwater, Acting Grand Secretary.

The Twenty-Ninth Annual Convocation held in Ogden, January 12, 1940.

After presentation of the flag—Grand Chapter was opened in ample form—followed by prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The address of the G.H.P. is short, yet sufficiently comprehensive to cover a full report of the year's work. Reference is made to the illness of Comp. John M. Dunlop, Grand Secretary who, according to the G.H.P., is the mainstay of Grand

Chapter. The address concludes with a word of appreciation for the officers of the year and a plea for a continuance of the support and co-operation manifested this year.

Distinguished guests included representation from the Scottish Rite, Knights Templar, and the Grand Lodge of Utah.

The General Grand H.P., J. H. Anderson was officially received and warmly welcomed.

Grand Representatives answered the roll call in goodly numbers—among these being Jno. C. Brown who answered for Canada.

The report on Necrology, written by J. E. Carver, is a sympathetic reference to those who have passed beyond the veils.

We quote a few lines:—

“June seems hardly the month for memorials. With all the world aglow with blossoms and the valleys emerald with life, thoughts pertaining to life are more fitting. Is it not wonderful, though, to contemplate how it is always June in eternity.

“‘There everlasting spring abounds.’ And is it not a truly Capitular conception that what the profane may call death we of the Royal Craft have learned to call not only life but life forevermore?”

“With them we met like ships upon the sea, held an hour’s converse, so short, so true, one little hour! And then away they sped on lonely blessed tides that surge with death. Through mist and clouds and foam they passed to that eternal home. Blest harbour of all craft that sails life’s sea. Thrice blessed are they, thrice blessed are we, who knew them here and soon their face again shall see.”

“Like leaves on trees the race of man is found
Now green in youth, now withering on the ground;
Another race the workers true supplies;
We fall successive and successive rise.”

The Capitular review is capably handled by Bert Atwater, P.G.H.P., whose review of Canada is both interesting and complete. We particularly appreciate his kindly reference to our late reviewer, Col. W. N. Ponton.

It is quite some years since we have had the pleasure of reviewing the Proceedings of Utah and are happy indeed to find that we are still on the mailing list.

We have read and enjoyed the entire review and congratulate Comp. Atwater upon the story he presents of the Capitular World. We must find space to quote these lines which are given to us by him in his review of Manitoba:—

“Nearly every man here, if asked directly, would admit that he was drawn to Masonry by the quality of its men. Therefore, it behooves

us to keep up the standards which have been dedicated to us by those sterling old forbears of the past for whom we have the greatest admiration.

"May each of us grow old reverently. For we should always bear in mind that each of us by mastery of himself may add a pearl of great price to the commonwealth; each may set a new star in that sky which arches over our human world."

The General Grand H.P. acted as Installing Officer and W. H. Bingham was duly advanced to the office of G.H.P. We note with interest that Comp. Dunlop continues in office as Grand Secretary.

Utah is represented in Canada by V. M. Hare, of Uxbridge, Ontario.

VERMONT

J. Harold Stacey, Grand High Priest.

A. S. Harriman, Grand Secretary.

The One Hundred and Twenty-Third Annual Convocation convened in Burlington on June 11, 1940.

Grand Chapter was opened by M. Ex. Comp. Stacey in ample form with assistance of the Grand Officers. Many distinguished guests were received, cordially welcomed and invited to seats in the Grand East. These included rulers of many sister Jurisdictions, neighbours from the Grand Chapter of Quebec, heads of other Masonic bodies and the General Grand Chapter. We note with interest that the Grand Lodge of Vermont was represented by the Deputy Grand Master.

In a brief but sufficiently comprehensive address the G.H.P. gave an account of his stewardship. Under Necrology he uses excerpts from the poem of Hugh Robert Orr which he considers appropriate at this time:—

"They are not gone who pass
Beyond the clasp of hand
Out from the Strong Embrace!
They are not lost who find
The sunset gate, the goal
Of all their faithful years:
They are not dead who live
In hearts they leave behind.
Or those whom they have blessed
They live life again,
And shall live through the years
Eternal life, and grow
Each day more beautiful,
As time declares their good,
Forgets the rest, and proves
Their Immortality.

The G.H.P. refers to his visit to General Grand Chapter and regretted that owing to the expense involved that Vermont was not fully represented, and as long as this policy holds, Comp. Stacey believes that Vermont will continue to deprive itself of much of the value of more active membership.

The concluding lines of the G.H.P.'s address are worthy of repetition:—

"One year ago, when I assumed the responsibility of guiding this Grand Chapter, the storm clouds of war were gathering across the seas. Since then the storm has broken with all its fury, and we find most of Europe engaged in one of the bitterest wars of all time. For what? To satisfy the greed and ambitions of the ruthless and atheistic ruler of a nation, in which Masonry no longer exists (at least not openly), a nation in which religion is held up to scorn.

"Twenty-two years ago, yet it seems but yesterday, many of us were returning to private life from what was supposed to be the end of war to end wars. Vain hope. Today a new generation stands ready to take our places if the call should come to defend the Freedom and Liberty which we have so long enjoyed. If ever there was a time to spread the principles and tenets of Free Masonry it is now. If all mankind not only understood but practiced these precepts, there could be no war. Companions, I believe it is time that we put a little more importance, a little more emphasis and a little more Godliness into things religious and into things sacred."

Reports of the District Deputy G.H.P.'s of the Six Districts are all encouraging and decidedly interesting. They are uniform at least in their assurance that Royal Arch Masonry is progressing and that all is well.

Owing to the failing health of the Grand Secretary, Grand Chapter authorized an appropriation for an office assistant. Other Grand Bodies for whom Comp. Harriman acts will share the expense.

From the Committee on Necrology's Report we quote:—

"In a day when hate and cruelty destroy life with bitter war, and the brotherhood of men is lost in a blackout of lies, deceptions and hostilities, and the selfishness of ruthless power prays 'give us our will for there is no heaven,' we would throw the light on human life, its dignity, its possible greatness and its eternal meaning, and say confidently, 'Nothing is lost if man himself is not lost.' We celebrate life. 'Man is born for victory.' We will be true to the trust committed to us 'till hope creates from its own wreck the thing it contemplates'."

Sorry to record the fact that Vermont's proceedings contain no published report on Fraternal Correspondence.

The Order of High Priesthood convened at the close of Grand Chapter.

Floyd T. Sumner was elected and duly installed as G.H.P. A. S. Harriman was re-elected Grand Secretary (may his health improve).

Canada was not represented owing to the absence of Comp. A. S. Haven, our duly accredited representative.

Chas H. Sheppard, one of the ever-faithful, has the honour to represent Vermont in Canada.

VICTORIA

R. P. Dick, Grand Z.

H. O. Thomas, Grand Scribe E.

The Quarterly Convocation held in Melbourne, Australia, on July 19, 1939.

The Supreme Grand Chapter was opened in Ample, Antient and Solemn Form, M. Ex. Comp. Dick presiding.

Grand Representatives were received and welcomed. F. J. Thomas answering the roll call for Canada.

The Grand Z. in his communication referred to the foundation of a Chapter of Research, which he felt would be productive of much good.

He also referred fittingly to the death of V. Ex. Comp. Leslie J. Walker, Grand Director of Ceremonies, and to a number of other prominent Royal Craftsmen, all of whom will be greatly missed. He felt that the following words were very appropriate:—

"We are as little children playing our games in Life's Garden, who, as evening falls, turn our steps toward home and fireside."

At the conclusion of routine business R. Ex. Comp. J. J. Peart delivered an oration on "the Mission of Masonry" which was greatly appreciated by all present.

Quarterly meeting October 18, 1939—M. Ex. Comp. Dick in the chair—reference was made to a newly organized Grand Chapter Choir whose music had added much to the solemnity of the Ceremonies.

The Grand Z. officiated at the installation of officers of many Chapters during the Quarter.

Quarterly held Jan. 17, 1940, this being the meeting at which nominations were held, the name of F. J. Thomas was duly presented for the office of G.Z.—there being no further nominations Comp. Thomas was declared elected for the ensuing year.

Quarterly held April 17, 1940. The Grand Z. in his valedictory address expressed pleasure and satisfaction in having been privileged to serve Grand Chapter. He remarked:—

"I have found in my travels that there is no East, or West, North or South and I shall always hold in fondest memory my Companions devoted and affectionate consideration," he concludes with these words: "I again thank you for bestowing upon me the greatest honour within your gift, and may the Great I Am continue to direct us in all our doings and favour us with His continual help, that in all our works begun, continued and ended in HIM we may glorify His Holy Name and finally, by his mercy, obtain everlasting life."

Forming the customary procession the Grand First Principal-elect was duly escorted into the room, advanced to the Altar where he was Obligated, Invested and Installed into office. After the usual fanfare by the Grand Heralds the Grand Director of Ceremonies made the usual proclamation and thus was M. Ex. Comp. Thomas duly and legally installed as G.Z. The choir gave a beautiful rendition of Stainers "I am the Alpha and the Omega."

The newly installed Grand First Principal then briefly addressed Grand Chapter, other officers were installed and invested and Grand Chapter closed in ample antient and solemn form, the companions singing the National Anthem.

The Supreme Grand Chapter of Victoria is capably represented in Canada by S. G. Newdick of Toronto.

VIRGINIA

Charles F. Unruh, Grand High Priest.

James F. Clift, Grand Secretary.

The One Hundred and Thirty-Second Annual Convocation held in Richmond, October 24th, 1939.

Grand Chapter was opened by the G.H.P. in Solemn Form—the Grand Chaplain leading in prayer.

Distinguished guests were received, saluted and seated on the dais, among these we note Albert T. Hanby of Pennsylvania, J. Claude Keiper, District of Columbia and our own Fred G. Smith of Ottawa, Virginia's representative in Canada.

These were followed by Judge N. S. Turnbull, Jr., Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Virginia and thirteen Past Grand High Priests of Virginia, also seven Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge.

When the roll of Grand Representatives was called we are happy to note that A. L. Mattern responded on behalf of Canada. In responding for the Grand Representatives, M.

Ex. Comp. W. M. Brown complained because he was standing in front that the G.H.P. selected him to speak for all. His reply is interesting:—

“It never pays any one, especially one who is an Irishman of the right kind and comes from the northern part of Ireland and whose ancestors were Irishmen all, like our old friend Carson of Front Royal, to respond for the rest of them: ‘Let them speak for themselves.’ The Irish are still fighting for the cause of Democracy, fighting for Masonry, fighting against the powers of darkness in high places; and now that the world is so much disturbed from the military standpoint, and also the Masonic standpoint, too, it takes all that we have to maintain the standard of the Grand Chapter and of Masonry.”

Trust an Irishman to furnish a ready response.

From the scholarly address of the G.H.P. these extracts appear:—

“The outside world knows little of what we do here, but, Companions, they know all about us as individuals, and the type and achievements of those who go to constitute our local Chapters.”

“We need to constitute ourselves as men whose thoughts tower above local animosities, distrusts and other petty annoyances. To tower above the maze of uncertainty, we need to penetrate the trend of our times, in order that this great organization to which you and I belong may exert its influence in guiding our State and Nation to higher ground.”

“I pray to Almighty God that the dark clouds which now encompass us and the world may soon be dissipated, and that we may once again find ourselves engulfed in a world which has rededicated itself to God and accepted the principles of the brotherhood of man.”

Among his many dispensations and recommendations we find much of common interest, he suggests that constituent Chapters be assessed for the expenses of the District Deputy G.H.P.'s. A suggestion which we as an outsider consider sound.

He also has a word to say with regard to an educational program to further interest in Royal Arch Masonry—this has been in vogue in many Grand Chapters and found productive of the desired results.

Congratulations are due our Companions of Virginia on the marvellous work being done by the Committee in charge of the W. J. Hubbard Memorial Loan Fund.

It is of interest to note that this fund has been in existence some fifteen years and has assets of \$18,561.33—the average cost of administration being 2.1 per cent. per annum.

The address of R. Ex. Comp. F. G. Smith of Ottawa, Canada, opens with the following humorous story—

"I cannot help at this moment being reminded of a story of a certain old verger in a church. It happened there was a new clergyman appointed to this church, and after the first service he met the verger, who said, 'Well, John, how did I get along this morning?' He said, 'Well, sir, you know years ago we had a very fine man here, and he preached a beautiful sermon, and he died. Then we got another, and he was not so good, could not preach as well, and he died. Then we got three men who couldn't preach at all. They moved away, and now you've come'."

Companion Smith's address refers to the bond of friendship existing between Virginia and the Grand Chapter of Canada and expresses the speaker's appreciation of the wonderful reception accorded His Most Gracious Majesty King George and his Royal Consort during their sojourn in the United States last year and concludes with a serious thought on the need for individual responsibility among the members of the Masonic fraternity. Comp. Smith takes his Masonry seriously and faithfully represents Virginia near our Grand Chapter.

The Capitular Review is written by E. Fenno Heath, his thirteenth, by the way, and one worthy of the pen of such a capable and entertaining reviewer.

As usual Canada receives generous treatment—reference is made to our Grand Z.'s rulings and decisions and liberal quotations from his annual address are given prominence.

Comp. Heath pays tribute to our late brother Col. W. N. Ponton who for many years wrote our reviews.

After perusing Comp. Heath's review of the various Grand Chapters we are constrained to say that it is interesting, illuminative and instructive, and well up to the high standard set by this talented Companion during his thirteen years as fraternal correspondent.

S. J. Sachs was elected and duly installed as G.H.P.—we had the pleasure of meeting Comp. Sachs during his visit to Canada in April last and assure him that we are hopeful of having him with us again a year hence.

The Order of High Priesthood convened at the close of Grand Chapter.

WASHINGTON

Stanley G. Picknell, Grand High Priest.

Wesley C. Stone, Grand Secretary.

The Fifty-Sixth Annual Convocation was convened in Everett on May 16, 1940.

After prayer by the Grand Chaplain, M. Ex. Comp. Picknell opened Grand Chapter in ample form. Seventeen P.G. H.P.'s accompanied the G.H.P.

Many distinguished guests were received with honours, including representatives from Oregon, the G.M. of Royal and Select Masters, and a delegation headed by M. Ex. Comp. W. P. Marchant from British Columbia. We note that M. Ex. Comp. Marchant and M. Ex. Comp. K. K. Reid P.G.Z., British Columbia were made Honorary Members of the Grand Chapter of Washington.

The address of the G.H.P. was a carefully prepared report of the year's work. From it we learn that peace and harmony prevail throughout the jurisdiction, that the G.H.P. visited many Chapters and travelled beyond his own jurisdiction to attend the Golden Jubilee of Vancouver Chapter No. 2, British Columbia. From a perusal of the Grand Treasurer's Report we should say that the finances of Washington appear healthy and encouraging, although a slight decrease in membership is recorded.

The Grand Orator delivered a marvelously instructive address, which we should like to quote in its entirety but lack of space forbids. He deals with the Master Mason who proclaims that degrees beyond the M.M. are superfluous and detract from Ancient Craft Masonry.

The Grand Orator in an able defence of Royal Arch Masonry quotes generously from that greatest of all great Masonic historians, Robert Freke Gould, whose historical writings clearly indicate that the Royal Arch was conceived within the Symbolic Lodge, and that as far back as 1771 the Grand Lodge of the "Ancients" had attached to it a Grand Chapter of the Holy Royal Arch. Later, in 1813, upon the amalgamation of the Ancients with the Grand Lodge of the Moderns, it was declared and pronounced that Ancient Masonry shall consist of the three symbolic degrees and the supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch. The address concluded with these words:—

"The additional degrees in Masonry are but an unfoldment of some of the beauties, as well as the lessons, that lie hidden in the Symbolic Degrees, but which would remain there hidden from our votaries, except in rare, isolated and exceptional instances. In fact, they furnish to us what, under ordinary circumstances, we would not otherwise be able to obtain. We do not minimize the basic degrees. They constitute the foundation of all Masonic development. They are indispensable, and without them the whole fabric of additional degrees would crumble into

dust. But we do find that we are greatly benefitted by the development of thought that expresses itself in the ritual, teachings and philosophy of the additional degrees that have been permitted to us."

The Report on Correspondence was submitted by Wesley C. Stone, brief, to the point, and without reference to other jurisdictions other than a commentary on the number of Grand Chapters that have adopted the plan of not printing the Capitular Reviews. We are sorry to note that Washington has succumbed to the insistent demand for a curtailment of printing expenses, as stated elsewhere in these reviews, we, in Canada, consider Fraternal Reviews as almost essential in the keeping warm of the contact between Sister Jurisdictions.

The Committee on Obituary furnished a thoughtfully worded report from which we extract the following beautiful verse:—

"O Land! O Land!
For all the broken-hearted
The mildest herald by our fate allotted
Beckons, and with inverted torch doth stand,
To lead us with a gentle hand,
Into the land of the great departed,
Into the silent land."

Lee Allen was duly elected Grand High Priest and was installed into office by M. Ex. Comp. Matthies. Tacoma was selected as next place of meeting.

The Order of High Priesthood met at the close of Grand Chapter.

Robert L. McCroskey represents our Grand Chapter in Washington (we note that he did not respond to the Roll Call).

H. A. Miller is Washington's representative in Canada.

WISCONSIN

Frank R. Graham, Grand High Priest.

Wm. F. Weiler, Grand Secretary.

The Ninetieth Annual held in Milwaukee on May 7, 1940.

Following an organ recital by Comp. F. W. Clitheroe, Grand Chapter opened in ample form in the Scottish Rite Cathedral. The Grand Chaplain led in prayer. Many distinguished guests were introduced and received, including the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, representatives from the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters, Grand Commandery, the Scottish Rite, the General Grand Chapter and Sister Jurisdictions.

The United States colours were presented by Milwaukee Chapter and placed on the dais, the Companions singing one verse of "America" and renewing their pledge to the flag.

A delegation from the Grand Chapter of Manitoba received a most cordial welcome — after which a Canadian Royal Arch Banner was presented to the G.H.P. who, in a few graceful words, accepted the Banner, saying that:—

"Such tributes of love and esteem bind the two Grand Jurisdictions very closely together."

From a very excellent report by the G.H.P. we are pleased to learn that the loss in membership was less than the preceding year. The morale of the Chapters is high and interest and enthusiasm abounds. Every hope is entertained that next year an increase will be shown instead of the losses that have characterized the last few years. Dispensations, Decisions and Visitations are given much space in the report. The G.H.P. recommends that the per capita tax be fixed at seventy cents and that five cents of this amount be designated for expenses in connection with the Order of De Molay. He also recommends that the resolution adopted by the General Grand Chapter be adopted by the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin.

This somewhat lengthy resolution deals with subversive organizations whose principles, theories and tenets are in conflict with the fundamentals of Royal Arch Masonry. The resolution denounces all such bodies, groups and movements and calls upon Royal Arch Masons throughout the world to combat the baneful and pernicious influences of such bodies, wherever, and however, and under whatever name they manifest themselves. We in Canada recognize the seriousness of these movements with their insidious propaganda and heartily endorse any effort that is made by our fellow-craftsmen to meet and defeat these enemies of democratic government.

Thirty-six Grand Representatives answered the roll call, among whom we are happy to note Canada's representative, Elmer S. Owens.

Thirteen Past Grand High Priests out of a total of sixteen were present. Certainly a splendid showing by the "Old Guard."

From the address of M. Ex. Comp. Simmons of Manitoba we give this interesting excerpt referring to the presentation at the Altar of a Canadian Flag.

"Where in the world today could this be done, the flag of a nation at war received and honored by a nation at peace? Diplomatically this

could not be done, but in the Masonic Lodge room politics are forgotten and the Brotherhood of Man and the Fatherhood of God reign supreme. We from Canada thank you for this most kind gesture."

Honorary Life Membership in the Grand Chapter of Manitoba was presented to M. Ex. Comp. F. R. Graham, followed by a like honour to M. Ex. Comp. Simmons who was given Life Membership in the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin.

From the short but eloquent report on Necrology this beautiful tribute:—

"Yes, in the midst of life we are in death; but death is simply the portal to another, a more glorious life. Throughout the ages men have taught us how to live, but One taught us not how to live superbly but also how to die serenely. Our Companions, through their faith in God, are now part of that innumerable throng who have died serenely to live superbly with Him Who pointed the way to everlasting habitations."

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence, written by William F. Weiler is both thorough and interesting. His foreword commencing with the following from the immortal Grey's "Elegy in a Country Churchyard":—

"The boast of heraldry, the pomp of power,
All that wealth or beauty ere gave,
Awaits alike the inevitable hour
The paths of glory lead but to the grave."

Under the caption of "Tempus Fugit," he reminds us that another year has passed into history and asks "How have we met our responsibilities." He presents "A Challenge to Masonry, refers to the ruthless war—with its lengthy train of brutal carnage—and quotes from Goldsmith's "Deserted Village":—

"Ill fares the land to hastening ills a prey,
Where wealth accumulates and men decay.
Princes and lords may flourish or they may fade,
A breath can make them as a breath has made:
But a bold peasantry, their country's pride,
When once destroyed, can never be supplied."

and concludes this section of his foreword as follows:—

"Masonry calls us to live true to the vows that we have taken and dedicate ourselves to a complete service to God, our neighbour and ourselves.

"God, what a world!

If man in street and mart felt the same kinship of the human heart
That prompted them in the face of fire and flood
To rise to the heights of true brotherhood."

Canada is reviewed in friendly fashion. Comp. Weiler remarking that he always gets a thrill out of reviewing the proceedings of a Canadian Jurisdiction. We, in Canada, return the compliment. We find the Proceedings of Wisconsin not only interesting but decidedly educational from a Masonic standpoint. We appreciate the friendly reference to the late M. Ex. Comp. Ponton, whose passing removed from this earthly sphere one of nature's noblemen—we mourn the loss of an old and valued friend, yet, take comfort in the words of Keble:—

“’Tis sweet, as year by year, we lose
Friend out of sight, in faith to muse
How grows in Paradise our store.”

Following the election of Officers Adolf Hafner was installed as G.H.P.

The Grand Chapter of Wisconsin is represented near our Grand Chapter by William J. Wadsworth, an outstanding citizen of Toronto.

WYOMING

Clarence A. Brimmer, Grand High Priest.

Richard H. Repath, Grand Secretary.

The Thirty-Second Annual Convocation held in Sheridan on June 11, 1940.

The Grand High Priest, after the initial ceremonies, declared Grand Chapter open in ample form—the Grand Chaplain leading the devotional exercises. Nine Past G.H.P.'s were seated in the East. Following an established custom, portraits of the G.H.P.-elect, together with an interesting biographical sketch of M. Ex. Comp. Brimmer provide the introductory pages to the proceedings. The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Wyoming and the Grand Commander of the Knights Templar were escorted to the altar and formally introduced and received.

The roll-call of Grand Representatives brought forth a large delegation among whom, as was to be expected, we note Canada's representative, the ever faithful R. H. Repath.

From the rulings and dispensations issued by the G.H.P. it is of interest to observe that permission was refused to a Chapter to donate a specified sum to the Wyoming General Hospital for the purpose of installing an "Iron Lung." It appears that in Wyoming a constituent Chapter cannot use its

funds for other than Masonic purposes. While from a humanitarian standpoint a donation for such purposes would seem a most laudable and may we say a Masonic act, yet, the G.H.P. was forced to rule against the donation for such is the constitution of Wyoming.

From the Grand Secretary's report the following encouraging comment is of more than passing interest:—

"For the first time in ten years, when a wave of depression struck all fraternal organizations and memberships therein fell off, Wyoming is able to boast of an increase for the current year. Except for a warning note to scrutinize well the timber accepted and not to allow 'suspensions' again to get the upper hand we withhold comment on the happy return to normalcy until next year, when the increase should be even larger and show signs of permanency."

We find reports of Grand Chapter's various committees but regret that Comp. Repath presented no report on fraternal correspondence.

John Stansbury was duly elected and installed as Grand High Priest. Gillette being selected for the next place of meeting.

Howard E. Meadd, of Cornwall, Ontario, is privileged to represent Wyoming near the Grand Chapter of Canada.



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